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Border policemen apprehend a haredi during a violent protest at Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. Story, Page 12 (Brian Hemmer)

## Cabinet to okay budget cuts today

### Treasury, Defense Ministry in late-night talks

**DAVID HARRIS**  
TREASURY and Defense Ministry officials were locked in a marathon bargaining session late last night as the Finance Ministry looked for a reported NIS 1 billion cut in the defense budget as part of the government's NIS 4.9b. budget cut.  
Terms led by Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai met in the Prime Minister's Office, although Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was not present.  
By midnight last night, no agreement had been reached on the size of the cut or where it should be made. As the talks took place, dozens of wives of career army officers, fearful of cuts in their husbands' salary and pension conditions, demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office. The cabinet is scheduled to meet this morning to authorize the NIS 4.9b. budget cut, before Netanyahu leaves on his visit to the US.  
Among the ministries slated for large cuts is the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry. There the Treasury is proposing to abolish child allowances for the first and second children in families where the major breadwinner earns more than NIS 7,500 before tax and to drastically reduce it for families in the NIS 4,500 to NIS 7,500 monthly salary range. Families with four children or more will not be affected by the planned cut.  
Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, in response to the reported cuts, said the government must not hit at the poorest sections of society. He called on the government not to tax old-age pensions, raise the female retirement age to 65, or hit National Insurance Institute payments.  
The Education Ministry is another reported target for heavy cuts, with classroom sizes to be increased and contributions to teachers' study funds reduced. Former education minister Amnon Rubinstein said that if cuts have to be made, they should be in government contributions to peripheral organizations and not in the schools themselves.  
Meridor has indicated the Health Ministry will also be asked to tighten its belt. It seems likely citizens will be asked to pay for operations they undergo abroad and that hospitalization rates will be increased.  
Sources in the Israel Police have said it is facing a NIS 170 million budget cut, at a time when the police is already struggling to attract competent recruits due to

## New Sharon ministry expected to meet deadline

**SARAH HONIG**  
THE new ministry being put together for MK Ariel Sharon is to be discussed at today's cabinet session. In the event that all loose ends are not firmly tied, the creation of the ministry may be held over until tomorrow, just hours before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is due to take off for Washington to meet with President Clinton.  
Tomorrow is the last day Netanyahu has left to create the new ministry for Sharon if he is to meet the deadline set for him by Foreign Minister David Levy's ultimatum last week.  
Netanyahu's aides say the new national infrastructure ministry is due to be presented to the cabinet prior to Netanyahu's departure.  
Contrary to expectations, the matter was not discussed at Friday's weekly cabinet session. The postponement was explained as a last attempt to overcome remaining difficulties in the hope that no coalition partner's arm will have to be twisted.  
Sources close to Netanyahu had predicted that the creation of the new ministry would be approved Friday, but they later explained it was agreed to put the matter off until today. By last night, however, the same sources were not sure the cabinet would take the matter up today. Instead, they said, the whole issue might be further delayed to perhaps work something out with United Torah Judaism, which continues to object to any "contributions" on its part to the projected infrastructure ministry.  
Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush (UTJ), who is in charge of the entire Housing portfolio, has continued to refuse to hand over the Public Works Department and the Rural Development Division of his ministry.  
However, on Friday there was some talk the UTJ might be amenable to a compromise if it were granted a foothold in the Religious Affairs portfolio. This was being examined over the weekend, though all involved could see no plausible way to meet the UTJ's wishes, since the National Religious Party and Shas continue to be locked in conflict over who will get the Religious Affairs ministry first under their rotation agreement for the ministry.  
The NRP now wants preferential treatment as a reward for its having made the greatest sacrifices to make the creation of Sharon's ministry possible.  
Netanyahu, meanwhile, has appointed Justice Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman to head a committee that will work out the precise details of how Agriculture Minister Rafael

## 200 officers apply for early retirement

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
MORE than 200 IDF officers applied last week to retire early, and 69 more have asked to get part of their pension payments now as a lump-sum grant, lest the pension payments be reduced as part of planned budget cuts, a senior army source said over the weekend.  
According to this source, 92% of career officers are NCOs and majors whose average salary is NIS 8,000 a month.  
The IDF plans to block attempts by the government to reduce the salary or benefits of the professional army, the source said.  
"The Treasury has decided to target the career officers, and this is very serious, because the ones who will leave the army are and the addition of the health tax. The salary of 40% of the career army was cut recently between 7% and 10%. I have butterflies and doubts, but I don't believe the defense minister will let the Treasury decide where the cuts will be. Defense Minister [Yitzhak] Mordechai was just [serving] recently and knows the damage that could result."  
"Our advantage has always been qualitative, not quantitative, and the quality of our personnel will be affected," the officer said.  
He recalled the crisis during the mid-1980s when many middle-level officers resigned "and we were forced to fill slots meant for majors with lieutenants and second lieutenants."

## Six killed on roads Middle East bank may be doomed

**LIAT COLLINS and Itim**  
SIX persons were killed and 20 injured in weekend road accidents.  
Two young men were killed and three 17-year-olds sustained light-to-moderate injuries when their car crashed into a utility pole and caught fire outside Beersheba at 5:30 a.m. yesterday. The group was traveling home from a night out in Ashkelon. The driver, Yossi Peretz, an 18-year-old soldier from Ofakim, and Yitzhak Biton, 20, died in the accident. Police said Peretz was apparently speeding and lost control of the car.  
At around 5:30 p.m. yesterday, a woman was killed and five people were injured - one seriously - when a car veered out of its lane and crashed into a utility pole in Wadi Ara. The injured were brought to Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital for treatment.  
Fatma Zabraga, 65, from Kuseifa, was killed yesterday morning when a car and a van collided head-on on the Arad-Beersheba road. The cause of the accident is still being investigated. Twelve people in the two cars were injured, four seriously.  
Last night in Ashdod, a man walking on the side of the road was struck and killed by a car whose driver fled the scene.  
Starting tomorrow, the Knesset will open its first session every week by reading out the names of those killed in traffic accidents in the preceding days, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon announced yesterday.  
"I said this subject won't be taken off the public agenda and I take every action to see that it remains in the public's awareness. Perhaps reading out the names will remind us all that the carnage continues and the fight for life on the roads goes on," Tichon said.

**DAVID MAKOVSKY**  
BARRING a last-minute push by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his visit to Washington this week, congressional funding for a planned Middle East Development Bank is liable to be eliminated.  
The formation of the bank was the centerpiece of the US-backed Amman economic conference last fall and has been at the heart of Shimon Peres's vision of a "New Middle East."  
But sources say the Netanyahu government has not sent signals to Washington expressing its support of the bank, despite the fact it was asked to express a view. The bank was not part of the House of Representatives foreign aid legislation, and the Senate Appropriations Committee did not include it in the \$12.15 billion foreign aid bill which is expected to reach the floor within the next two weeks.  
The US had originally agreed to provide more than \$260 million, or 21 percent, of the bank's start-up capital over five years. The money was to finance infrastructure.  
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## 2 soldiers lightly wounded in security zone clash

**DAVID RUDGE**  
TWO IDF soldiers were lightly wounded last night, in a clash with gunmen in the eastern sector of the security zone according to reports from the region.  
The wounded soldiers were evacuated by helicopter to hospital in Israel. Reports from the region said the gunfight occurred in the area of Beaufort Castle.  
It was the second incident in the zone involving IDF troops in of 48 hours. In the early hours of Friday morning IDF soldiers fired at a squad of gunmen near Bint J'ball in the western sector, who the army spokesman said were en route to plant roadside bombs.  
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# Hussein to Arafat: We'll press Israel over peace

AMMAN (Reuters) - King Hussein yesterday promised Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat that he would press Israel's new government not to turn back on peace deals it has signed with the Palestinians, a senior Jordanian official said.

Arafat flew out of Akaba after brief talks with the king at his Red Sea palace, part of a flurry of diplomatic activity triggered by the victory of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in May.

"His Majesty King Hussein promised President Arafat that he will do all he can to press upon the Israeli government the importance of meeting its signed commitments with the Palestinians and that there should not be turning back on what has been achieved," the senior Jordanian official said.

Palestinians want the Netanyahu government to fulfill agreements made by its predecessors to partially withdraw its troops from Hebron and start talks on the final status of the territories.

Netanyahu has said he is still studying security aspects of the pullout from Hebron before deciding how to proceed. He has said he will resume peace talks with the PLO, but has vowed he will never agree to the establishment of an

independent Palestinian state.

Arafat and King Hussein had 30 minutes of "productive talks" before heading to more expanded discussions with their full delegations over lunch, a palace spokesman told Reuters.

"King Hussein stressed the importance of abiding by what had been agreed to [peace accords] and building on what has been achieved to attain just and comprehensive peace," said a joint communique released by Jordan's official news agency, Petra.

Arafat wants King Hussein's help to arrange a meeting with Netanyahu to start the promised Palestinian-Israeli talks on thorny issues such as defining borders and the future of Jerusalem, officials said before the Akaba talks.

Jordanian officials said King Hussein reiterated to Arafat that he has no designs on the West Bank, which Amman ruled from 1950 until losing it to Israel in the 1967 war.

"King Hussein stressed the firm and permanent Jordanian position of support to the Palestinian brothers to enable them to attain their rights and set up their independent state on their national soil," the joint communique said.

# US eager to hear Netanyahu's plans

WHEN Benjamin Netanyahu sits down in the Oval Office on Tuesday for his first meeting as prime minister with President Bill Clinton, he will face a US peace team eager to hear his approach to the peace process.

But he will not be pressured to reveal exactly what he intends to do on the question of the IDF's redeployment from Hebron.

"Bibi already has said he's studying the issue and will honor all agreements from his predecessors. We take him at his word," a senior US official said.

"This is not a session where we will extract deadlines." "The meeting will not cast Clinton only in a listening mode," he said, "but that is very different from the president saying, 'Tell me, when do you intend to redeploy from Hebron?' To tell you the truth, I think the prime minister will raise the issue."

Netanyahu's visit is considered important here for the opportunity it provides Clinton to bear firsthand Netanyahu's views on peace talks with the Palestinians and Syria.

"It's clear Netanyahu is considering what he wants to do [on those tracks] and what time frame he wants to do it. We

**HILLEL KUTTLER**  
WASHINGTON

certainly don't rule out that we can make progress. We simply want to hear where he is right now," the official said.

Rob Sattoff, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said the Clinton team is looking "for almost any initiative Netanyahu brings... be it on Lebanon or elsewhere to try to have something to work with the Syrians."

The peace team also believes the meeting will go a long way to building a personal relationship between the two leaders. They are also counting on intensive discussions on Iran and counterterrorism, an area where Netanyahu built his reputation in the US.

The latter topic is considered topical here because of the recent bombing of the US military's residence in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Samuel Lewis, former US ambassador to Israel, predicted that Netanyahu's line against terrorism "will find resonance" in his meetings with the administration, Congress and Jewish community officials.

On Wednesday, Netanyahu will spend the bulk of the day

on Capitol Hill, highlighted by an address to a joint meeting of both houses of Congress.

In his meetings with the House and Senate leadership and with the committee chairmen, Netanyahu is expected to find a supportive audience curious where he will take the peace negotiations.

According to one House aide, when Netanyahu meets with members of the House International Relations Committee, he will face questions from at least "two members" on what his policy will be on Jerusalem and settlements.

Members are also likely to ask Netanyahu whether he would be willing to volunteer to take a cut in Israel's economic assistance package, the aide said. He will also be asked whether he supports continued US aid to the Palestinians and, pointedly, whether he believes the Palestinian Authority is keeping its commitments under the Oslo accords that allows US aid to flow.

And in a symbolic statement about Israel's negotiations with Syria, the wine served at Wednesday's Congressional luncheon for Netanyahu will be from the Golan Heights winery.

# Hamas calls for new uprising in Jerusalem, Hebron

HAMAS yesterday called for a new intifada in Jerusalem and Hebron, as a Palestinian cabinet minister close to Yasser Arafat urged the US to speak out against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies.

"We extend our hand to our brothers in Fatah to renew the intifada in Hebron and Jerusalem, escalate the resistance and unite Palestinian, Arab and Islamic ranks to expel the occupiers from all of Palestine," Hamas said in a leaflet faxed to an international news agency.

Local Government Minister Saeb Erekat, a senior adviser to Arafat, lashed out at what he called Washington's "blind bias" toward Israel.

"We don't hear the US administration talking about the principle of land for peace or the illegitimacy of the Jewish settlements in [the West Bank and Gaza Strip]," Erekat said.

Meanwhile, the PA released 11 jailed Islamic activists, most of them members of Hamas, in Jenin, Palestinian security sources said. (Reuters)



Peace Now demonstrators outside the Prime Minister's Office during Friday's cabinet meeting demand that the government withdraw from Hebron and keep the peace process going. (Brian Heidler)

# Six ministries get directors-general

THE cabinet on Friday approved the appointments of six ministry directors-general. The formal appointments will be made, after a trial period, by the special appointments committee of the Civil Service Commission.

Avigdor Lieberman was appointed director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, with Moshe Leon as his deputy; Ben-Zion Dell, Education and Culture; Danny Kretzman, Agriculture; and Meir Greenberg will run the Housing and Construction Ministry.

For the first time, two women were named directors-general: Nechama Roneo: of the Environment Ministry and Nilu Arad at Justice.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer announced the appointment of MK Moshe Peled as his deputy, fulfilling a commitment made to Tsomet as part of the coalition agreement.

The cabinet also agreed to expand the inner cabinet to allow three additional ministers to join: Rafael Eitan, Zevulun Hammer, and Moshe Katsav.

Science Minister Ze'ev Begin, who has also been promised membership in the inner cabinet, will be given observer status until the law limiting the size to half the number of the full cabinet is changed.

Once the law is changed, he and Ariel Sharon, after his expected appointment as minister, are to be admitted to the inner cabinet. (Him)

# Syria says talks with Israel must focus on land

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syria said yesterday that further peace negotiations with Israel could be based only on arranging a complete pullout from "occupied A-lands" and providing equal security for all.

The official Syrian media accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of using Israel's security as a pretext to justify his "expansionist" policy, refusing to trade land for peace.

"Peace negotiations cannot be but about full Israeli withdrawal from the Arab lands and balanced and equal security arrangements," the official newspaper *Al-Thawra* said.

"There is no security and no peace outside the framework of a just peace, stipulating withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands."

"The alleged security issues which Netanyahu tries to market and put over is nothing but a deception to [try to] escape from the peace requirements and [is] practically killing to the peace process," another official newspaper, *Tishreen*, said.

"Peace alone, when it prevails, achieves security. No one can jump over the real requirements of peace using security pretexts. Peace leads to security and not the opposite," it said.

"Occupation is the problem which Israel tries to evade and is the reason for the confusions, eruptions and violence in the region," *Tishreen* added.

The Syrian newspapers said that Netanyahu's calls to make peace with Arabs were aimed at "misleading international opinion."

"Peace in the Israeli government's thinking is based on kneeling Arabs, forcing them to surrender and submit to Israeli terms," *Al-Thawra* said.

"When Netanyahu demands the cancellation of the Madrid [land for peace] terms...he deliberately works to replace this formula with a rejected and condemned one which is 'peace-for-peace,'" *Tishreen* said.

"Israel wants to impose a settlement on Arabs that achieves its interests and expansionist goals," *Al-Thawra* said.

"And to mislead international opinion, Israel's government says it wants peace with Arabs...a peace without the return of the Syrian Golan..."

"But there will be no peace and no security without withdrawal," it added.

# Mubarak: Not war, but terrorism if peace process stalls

THERE will not be a new Arab-Israeli war if the peace process bogs down, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in an interview published in *Le Figaro* Friday.

But if Israel does not respect its commitments, the whole Middle East will face an outburst of terrorism, he said.

Mubarak said the election of Benjamin Netanyahu will not bring an end to the peace process, since the process "is a reality."

"If [the process] will continue, because there is no other choice," said Mubarak, who said he wants

**ELDAD BECK**  
PARIS

to cooperate with the new Israeli government. "We do not handle things on the basis of personal considerations."

The Egyptian president added that Netanyahu had made many declarations, "but concerning the Golan, the Palestinian state or Jerusalem, none of them seem to me significant."

"For the public, Netanyahu is inflexible, a fact that complicates everything, but if I meet him I shall know better what he really

thinks," Mubarak said.

Mubarak said he believed Netanyahu will have to continue the peace process. If not, "the whole region, not only Israel, will be in anger," he said.

"I exclude the word war. I don't think we need a war, but don't forget the terrorism is there, very present. Do you remember the intifada? Is it possible to control the street when it's in rage?" asked Mubarak, warning that terrorist actions could take place not only in Israel and the territories, but all over the Middle East.

# Court: Administrative order no proof person's a threat

THE fact an administrative order has been issued against someone is not proof that person is dangerous, and is therefore not grounds for remanding him until the end of his trial, the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court ruled last week. It was responding to the state's request to remand against Itamar Beo-Gvir, who is charged with possessing propaganda material from the outlawed Kach movement and violating an administrative order confining him to Mevasseret Zion.

*Evelyn Gordon*

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## BANK

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ture projects in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, or autonomous Palestinian areas.

Peres had lobbied strenuously on behalf of the bank, and by getting Arab countries to endorse the notion, turned around the Clinton administration to support the endeavor.

Yet, so far, the Netanyahu government has not prioritized the bank. While some say the issue was raised in the cabinet a few days ago with a view by some that it should be supported, it remains unclear whether Netanyahu will now personally fight for the bank or only voice pro forma backing.

Republicans in Congress have been generally more skeptical of regional development banks, and slashed US support for other such regional banks for the next fiscal year.

The Clinton administration still favors the bank, but so far its view has not been accepted by any congressional committee.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Israel opposes rebuilding Ayyash's home**  
Israel on Friday rejected Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's decision to allow the family of assassinated Hamas master bomber Yihye Ayyash to rebuild their West Bank home, an IDF spokesman said.

"The IDF will not permit the rebuilding of houses of terrorists which were destroyed on demolition and confiscation orders," a spokesman said.

Israel demolished the Ayyash home in March after Islamic militants killed 59 people in a wave of suicide bombings. The homes of suicide bombers were also destroyed.

The house is located in an area run by the PA but is under exclusive Israeli security control. *Reuters*

**IDF lifts curfew on West Bank village**  
The IDF on Friday lifted a curfew imposed on Samua village, south of Hebron, two weeks ago after Palestinians torched bulldozers used to open a bypass road through Arab land, military sources said. IDF sources said 25 Palestinians suspected of arson were detained for questioning. Samua villagers flocked to the city of Hebron to buy food supplies after the curfew was lifted. *Reuters*

**Fatah Hawks threaten attacks on Israelis**  
The Fatah Hawks in Gaza distributed a leaflet on Friday warning of attacks against Israelis, if a member arrested by the General Security Service three days ago is not released.

Eymad Abu Jassar, 25, was arrested at Rafah terminal on his way to Egypt for training with other recruits to Palestinian police intelligence. Abu Jassar is suspected of killing an Israeli three years ago as a member of the Fatah Hawks Abu Rishq group, named for a member shot dead by IDF troops shortly after the Oslo accords in 1993. The group swore to avenge his death and refused for a while to hand in its weapons to the Palestinian Authority. The leaflet warned of "attacks of a new kind" and blamed the Netanyahu government of taking provocative actions. *Jon Immanuel*

## CLASH

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Searches of the area afterward revealed signs of blood and weapons, including explosive devices and ammunition, left behind by the terrorists who were hit.

Meanwhile, the London-based Arabic daily *Al-Hayat* reported on Friday that the US is unlikely to back any Israeli plans for an unilateral withdrawal from the security zone, if the proposal

## BUDGET

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the force's low salaries.

"Any connection between the premier's declarations and his actual deeds is entirely incidental," said MK Haim Oron (Meretz). Oron called for an immediate Knesset debate on the budget proposals.

Mordochai left the meeting at one stage to talk with the demonstrators. He promised them he would do everything in his power to ensure that army salaries are not cut, but the demonstrators continued with their protest.

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# NATO resists Karadzic arrest plea

## Man stabs 15 at Japanese train station

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BONN

GERMANY called yesterday for the arrest of Bosnian Serb President Radovan Karadzic but the US commander of NATO peacekeeping troops in Bosnia said he would not detain him.

"I do not have orders to go and hunt down Dr Karadzic. I don't have orders to lock him up in his house so he can't move about," Admiral Leighton Smith told reporters in Sarajevo.

Western government have tried to drive Karadzic from power as an indicted war criminal but have been reluctant to order their 50,000 peacekeeping troops in Bosnia to seize him.

They have tried unsuccessfully to persuade Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to extradite him to the UN war crimes tribunal in The Hague along with army commander General Ratko Mladic.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said testimony given at the tribunal this week made clear that the two men "should be put on trial for atrocities committed after Serbs overran the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica in 1995."

"International arrest warrants must be issued against Karadzic and Mladic after the evidence presented before the international war crimes tribunal," Kinkel said in a statement. "They should not be able to feel safe anywhere in the world."

German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said NATO should detain the two men if there was no other way to bring them to trial.

"The international community

can no longer be led around by the ooze," he told today's *Bild am Sonntag* weekly.

The United States yesterday endorsed a draft defense law agreed by Bosnian officials as an "act of vision and leadership" whose adoption by parliament would clear the way for a major military assistance program.

President Alija Izetbegovic of the Bosnian central government and President Kresimir Zubak of the Moslem-Croat federation agreed on the text of a draft law intended to create a single military force out of two separate armies.

"The draft law creates the organisations necessary for a modern, NATO-oriented military capable of defending the federation, its territory and its people," US special envoy James Pardew said in Sarajevo.

"The two presidents will share civilian command authority over the armed forces until defense responsibilities are defined for each in a separate law to be passed within three months."

Pardew said the federation parliament was expected to meet tomorrow or Tuesday to consider the draft law and a US-led "equip and train program" would begin immediately the law was enacted.

US Defense Secretary William Perry, visiting Sarajevo on Wednesday, said he was ready to start sending \$100 million worth of tanks, guns, ammunition and equipment to federation forces when the law was signed.

News agencies  
TOKYO

A MAN claiming to have received a message from God ran amok with a knife in a Japanese railway station yesterday, slashing 15 people before being arrested, a police spokesman said.

He had earlier stabbed two more people with the 8-cm blade, including his 51-year-old father, who reportedly had accompanied him on a job interview.

Four people were in serious condition with stab wounds to their chests and backs, said police official Yuichi Yamato.

"I did it because I received a divine message," the spokesman quoted the arrested man as saying.

The 21-year-old man, whose name was not disclosed, started chasing passengers at Kokura Station in the southernmost main island of Kyushu, attacking people on the train platform, ticket gate and stairs.

Station workers interviewed on NHK TV said the assaults set off a panic at the station, which was packed with weekend travelers.

Horrified witnesses told nationally broadcast TV news that they were startled to encounter the man about noon staggering toward them. News programs showed people being bandaged up and being taken on stretchers.

The young man became upset during the interview for reasons which were unclear and his father took him to a local beach to calm him down, the police spokesman said.

"My son seemed as if something was wrong with him. But I didn't know he had the knife," the police spokesman quoted his father as telling investigators.

The father told the investigators that his son walked out of the interview saying: "I will cool off my head."

"My son suddenly stabbed my shoulder while I was trying to console him," the spokesman quoted the father as telling the investigators.



Japanese policemen inspect the railway station where a man stabbed 15 people in Kokura yesterday.

(Reuters)

"The man suddenly stormed into our train," said one terrified passenger interviewed on television.

"I did not realize he had a knife. I thought I would be beaten up," said another passenger.

"I saw blood dripping from stairs. I had no idea what was happening," Akemi Sato, 43, said after being stabbed in the back at the platform.

"I was scared when I saw the man holding a knife," Kyodo news agency quoted Takahiro Irie,

a 20-year-old passenger, as saying.

"I tried to protect myself with my bag. But I had my right arm stabbed," he added.

The man later rushed out into the streets, where he was arrested on attempted murder charges a half-hour after police received the initial report, Yamato said.

While police chased the man, station employees herded as many passengers as they could into their offices to keep them safe. The man repeatedly told police he had received a divine message, but it was not clear what religion or cult he was referring to.

Attacks on Japan's railway system and blamed on a religious cult have rocked the country in recent years. In a March, 1995, attack blamed on the Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth Sect), sarin nerve gas on five crowded Tokyo subway trains killed 11 people and injured more than 5,000.

The attack prompted police raids on sect buildings, but within a month nearly 400 people were rushed to hospital in Yokohama, Japan's second-largest city, after a mysterious gas was released into the railway system.

At least 23 people were injured when an Australian Qantas Airways jumbo jet flying from Brisbane to Tokyo ran into turbulence on Saturday, airport police said.

"We have confirmed 27 people were injured and three of them were seriously injured," the spokesman said.

## Zyuganov's coalition debates future

MOSCOW (AP) - The fractious coalition behind Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov's failed run for president emerged yesterday from a closed-door post-mortem vowing not to crumble in the face of defeat.

Zyuganov lost Wednesday's election to incumbent Boris Yeltsin, who convinced Russians that a vote for the Communist candidate was a vote for the worst of the Soviet past.

The coalition includes Stalinist, nationalist, monarchist and anti-Semitic groups that rallied around the Communist Party to back Zyuganov, and many observers expected it to dissolve after his defeat.

But Zyuganov and others seemed determined to hold it together and perhaps transform it into a political party in opposition to

Yeltsin.

"The bloc must not split. Our power is in our unity," said hard-line nationalist Alexander Rutskoi, who was Yeltsin's vice president until taking up arms against the president in the 1993 parliament rebellion.

"Everyone expressed their desire to create a unified organization of movement," Zyuganov said. "I suggested the title 'People's Patriotic Union of Russia'."

"Zyuganov said before the meeting that he was 'obliged to account for myself' after his defeat. But his leadership appeared secure yesterday.

"Zyuganov has done his best," Rutskoi told reporters.

Coalition leaders, and Zyuganov himself, blamed his loss on the unabashedly pro-Yeltsin media coverage of the campaign.

They also criticized themselves for failing to develop better coordination between bloc headquarters in Moscow and regional groups.

The coalition, called the People's Patriotic Bloc, is only a few months old. The older, better-organized Communists are the largest party in Russia and dominate the Duma, the lower house of parliament.

Zyuganov said it would continue to be the driving force.

"The Communist Party is one of the most powerful organizations in the country," he said after the meeting. "Everybody realizes this."

Another question is not whether Zyuganov will be able to hold together the coalition but whether he will be able to hold together the Communist Party, split

between hard-line and more social democratic camps.

Zyuganov has brushed off predictions of a split, pointing proudly to how far the party has come. Banned in 1991, it was revived two years later under his leadership and gained enough strength to get 30 million votes in the runoff.

"Today it is clear that they (Yeltsin's government) are not able to make effective policy without taking into account the tens of millions of votes our bloc got," Zyuganov said.

He said the bloc members would consider taking Cabinet posts, provided they were offered significant positions with a chance to make policy changes. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin has indicated he may offer Communists spots in his Cabinet.

## Turkish opposition stalks Islamists

ANKARA - Opposition parties yesterday made a last-ditch appeal to deputies from Tansu Ciller's True Path Party to vote against the Islamic-led coalition of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan.

The opposition deputies used a debate on the new government's program to call for support in parliament to defeat the Islamist-led coalition at next week's confidence vote.

"We won't clear the way for the assembly to approve a government which appears to be tainted with corruption," said leftist Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Deniz Baykal in a speech to parliament during the debate.

Baykal and other opposition MPs have said Turkey's first Islamist prime minister, Erbakan, and conservative leader Ciller formed a coalition to avoid investigations of alleged corruption against them.

Doubts as to whether their week-old alliance will survive tomorrow's confidence vote have overshadowed government plans presented by Erbakan, veteran leader of the Islam-backed Welfare Party.

The moderate plan set out by Erbakan comes after nine months of

political chaos - during which general elections gave no party even a near-majority - which have generated a sense of urgency among Turkish businessmen and workers seeking new policies to deal with the country's mounting economic and political woes.

"This government has got to pass the confidence vote," said the head of Turkey's health workers union Mustafa Basoglu in a statement warning of the dangers of a continued power vacuum.

The government program revealed during the week by Erbakan contained little of the radical, anti-Western measures advocated by him in the past.

The economic program largely reflects the pro-market policies of coalition partner Ciller's True Path Party (DYP), aiming to tame inflation, achieve steady growth, cut gaping deficits and speed up privatization.

On foreign policy, Erbakan vowed to maintain NATO-member Turkey's close ties to the West while strengthening relations with Islamic, Central Asian and Balkan countries. (Agencies)

## Hillary encourages Slovaks

BRATISLAVA (Reuters) - US First Lady Hillary Clinton arrived in Slovakia yesterday and encouraged reformers in the former communist state.

But a senior US official accompanying the first lady conveyed US criticism of some recent legislative moves by the Slovak government, saying more work was needed before the country could be integrated into western structures.

"I expressed concerns of the US government over some of the recently adopted or prepared legislative moves by the Slovak government, specifically some aspects of the criminal code, the law on higher education and the foundation law," Madeline Albright, US ambassador to the UN, said after a private meeting with Slovak Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar.

At an earlier meeting with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the only non-ceremonial event on Mrs. Clinton's schedule in the Slovak Republic, the first lady passed on the same message but in more diplomatic terms.

"For a democracy and a free market economy to blossom fully, certain conditions must exist. Those conditions include respect for the rule of law, a free press, an independent judiciary and respect for minorities," Mrs. Clinton told the meeting.

Albright said she expressed US concern at state control over the electronic media, saying this slowed down the process of democratization in Slovakia, a country of 5.5 million in the eastern part of what was once Czechoslovakia.

## African leaders to hear horrors of war

YAOUNDE (Reuters) - Twenty-two children, flown in from Africa's trouble spots to the Cameroonian capital, gathered yesterday to speak for the voiceless victims of war and ethnic slaughter.

Two of them will address Africa's powerful leaders at the annual meeting of African heads of state.

"Presidents of Africa, when you see children suffering because of war, how do you feel?" asked 17-year-old Ugandan Christopher Okello at the opening of the two-day "children's summit" in Cameroon's parliament yesterday. Okello, who was kidnapped by

Ugandan rebels twice in 1991 and 1995, is among 120 children at the gathering co-sponsored by the children's agency UNICEF for the annual summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) beginning tomorrow.

The resolutions of the mini-summit will be read by two of the children - a boy and a girl - to the plenary session of the heads of state. Twenty-two of the children were specially flown in from trouble spots in 11 African states.

OAU Secretary General Salim Ahmed Salim implicitly rebuked African heads of state for doing little to end the plight of refugees

despite numerous meetings. He was cheered by the children, who sat business-like in smart clothes, listening attentively through interpretation headphones.

"Now is the time to bear the voice of the voiceless - the children," Salim said. "We want you to talk about your experiences. You are tomorrow's Africa."

OAU spokesman Ibrahim Deghshi said the plight of an estimated seven million refugees and 27 million homeless people would be among top three top items on the summit agenda. The others are economic integration of the continent and plans to restructure the

OAU's secretariat.

"I went to a place in Rwanda where over 1,000 people had been killed and I met a boy there who had survived because he had been covered by dead bodies," said Salim, a Tanzanian diplomat.

"In all my life I never experienced more shivering," he told a hushed audience.

Elsewhere in Africa, the refugee problem was most dramatized by the ordeal of thousands of Liberian war refugees, mostly women and children, who were stranded at sea in rusty ships for weeks as no neighboring country would admit them.

## Police ban Orange march in N. Ireland

PORTADOWN (Reuters) - Northern Ireland Police yesterday banned a controversial march by the Protestant Orange Order through a Catholic section of Portadown, setting the scene for a potential showdown between marchers and police.

Sir Hugh Annesley, head of Northern Ireland's Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), told a Belfast news conference that allowing the

Orange march through the Catholic Garvaghy Road area would cause serious public disorder.

"I can't see there is anything rational in leading an Orange parade down a road where it will receive significant and sustained opposition. Therefore we must try to keep both sides apart," Annesley said.

The Orange Order, a 200-year-old fiercely pro-British organization,

says such parades are a celebration of their birthright and are not a threat to security or meant to intimidate. Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, says they are triumphalist, inappropriate and insult Irish nationalists.

Annesley's decision set the scene for a re-run of last year's parade which was punctuated by clashes between thousands of Orange men

and police trying to keep them away from the Garvaghy Road area of Portadown, 40 km south of Belfast.

"Even at this late stage, it is not too late for accommodation to be reached. For the well-being of all concerned, I sincerely encourage both sides to reappraise their stance in pursuit of a peaceful resolution," he said.

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# Floods cause havoc throughout Asia

VILLAGERS across southern China worked to rebuild their homes yesterday and replanted crops washed away by some of the worst floods in more than a century while hundreds of thousands of troops and militia stood guard.

Taiwan's Red Cross was sending \$200,000 in emergency aid, while the Red Cross Society of China has donated \$50,000 to five flood-stricken provinces where at least 253 people were killed and tens of thousands left homeless.

Damage across the four southern provinces of Guizhou, Zhejiang, Anhui and Jiangxi had surpassed \$2.0 billion and many areas faced a bleak harvest with newly-planted rice and corn seedlings washed away by the raging waters and 1.35 million hectares swamped.

In Bangladesh, all major rivers were overflowing and flooding large areas and forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes to safety, officials said yesterday.

Local dailies said four people had been killed on Friday, making the death toll in this week's flooding to

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11. Like most others, the latest deaths were caused by drowning.

All 28 big rivers including the Ganges, Brahmaputra, Surma, Meghna and Koshiyara were flooded by waters coming from hilly regions in India and heavy rains, officials at the Flood Control Centre in Dhaka said.

Floods have already affected 16 out of 62 districts in Bangladesh.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs said China would not appeal for international aid but would accept assistance.

In central Hubei province, torrential storms had caused flooding in 320 villages and towns, damaging about 30,000 houses and killing 16 people, most of whom died when their homes collapsed, an official of the provincial Anti-Flood and Drought Office said.

More than 120,000 people had been sent to restore about 41 highways that had been cut, he said.

Officials in neighboring Jiangxi said government officials were helping organize farmers in the

province to rebuild homes swept away by the flash floods that followed torrential storms across southern China since last weekend.

More than 500,000 troops and local militia had been mobilized in southwestern Guizhou to help with rescue work and as a front-line to stand guard along river embankments and dykes in case of more flooding, the Liberation Army Daily said.

Flood control officials in Guizhou said the floods would reduce harvests this year, but added that farmers were already racing to replant rice and corn seedlings or to replace the crops with sweet potatoes.

At least 3,708 people had been injured and tens of thousands left homeless after the collapse of 211,000 houses in four provinces. As many as 15 million people had been affected and 560,000 evacuated.

Flood waters were starting to recede as the rain stopped and People's Liberation Army troops and workers were rebuilding roads and restoring communications.



French President Jacques Chirac sits with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd after arriving in Jeddah yesterday.

## Chirac in Saudi Arabia pursuing closer ties

JDDAH (AP) - French President Jacques Chirac arrived yesterday on a trip aimed at strengthening relations and promoting commercial ties including possible major arms deals.

King Fahd, flanked by top government officials, greeted Chirac at King Abdul-Aziz International Airport when he arrived yesterday evening, the state-run Saudi Press Agency said.

His talks with the king were expected to focus on the stalled Middle East peace process and counter-terrorism measures in the wake of the attack on a US military housing complex near Dhahran that killed 19 Americans and wounded hundreds last month.

In Paris a spokeswoman for the French president said the visit was "above all political" and was not expected to result in the signing of any trade pacts.

However, the presence of France's interior, defense, foreign affairs and industry ministers in the delegation accompanying Chirac signaled that the French may be aiming to sign some major contracts with the Saudis.

Among these is a possible deal to sell Saudi Arabia 150 Leclerc tanks.

France won a lucrative contract to sell navy frigates to Saudi Arabia in 1995. It has sold the oil-rich kingdom more than 200 billion francs (NIS 13 billion) worth of arms and military hardware since 1970.

The two-day visit to the kingdom is Chirac's first since he came to power last year.

The Paris government has for long considered Riyadh the "third axis" in its ties to the Arab world - the other two are Cairo and Beirut.

Commercial exchange between France and Saudi Arabia exceeded NIS 13 billion last year and Paris is Riyadh's sixth major trade partner, after the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain and Italy.

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## Mandela urges all to unite in Kwazulu-Natal

DURBAN (AP) - President Nelson Mandela called yesterday for all political parties in volatile Kwazulu-Natal province to work together to continue the peace that marked local government elections last week.

Speaking to a public rally of his African National Congress in Durban, Mandela said the election results showed no party dominated the traditional Zulu heartland that has seen years of fighting between his ANC and the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party.

Therefore, he said, those parties and others should cooperate with each other to best help the millions of impoverished people in the region. In some cases, alliances between former enemies would be necessary to ensure proper government in towns and rural areas, Mandela said.

"Our most important duty is not to engage in party political point scoring, but to work to build a better life for all the people of Kwazulu-Natal," Mandela said.

More than 14,000 people have died in the ANC-Inkatha conflict in the province over the past 12 years, with fighting subsiding markedly on two occasions - the nation's first all-race election in 1994 and last week's voting for local government leaders such as mayors and district officials.

Inkatha won the provincial government in 1994, while the results from the June 26 local government election were mixed. The ANC did well in major cities and towns while Inkatha dominated rural councils.

"Although the ANC is strong in those areas where the main financial decisions will be taken, we shall not be arrogant," Mandela said. "We will cooperate with the provincial government."

"I sincerely hope that we can now once and for all bury the myth that South Africans of Zulu extraction are under the spell of an ethnic party," Mandela said. "We are one South African nation."

## Indian leader says Kashmir wants poll

SRINAGAR (Reuters) - Indian Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda said yesterday the situation in strife-torn Kashmir had improved and all political groups wanted early local elections.

After touring the Kashmir valley, scene of a six-year insurgency by separatist guerrillas, Deve Gowda said the region's autonomy could be discussed with Kashmir's elected office holders.

"Situation in Kashmir has shown very much improvement and people here are anxious to participate in democratic process," Deve Gowda, the first Indian premier to visit the area in nearly a decade, told a news conference held under tight security.

"All political parties today unanimously requested the central government for holding early assembly elections in the state," he said after he met local politicians, including former state chief minister Farooq Abdullah.

Journalists were searched several times before attending the news conference in Srinagar. Shops and offices in the city, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state, were closed in protest at Deve Gowda's visit, residents said.

The strike was called by the Jamiat-ul-Mujahideen militant group fighting for the merger of Kashmir, the only Moslem-majority state in predominantly Hindu India, with Pakistan.

"We appeal to the people of Kashmir to observe a complete strike on the arrival of Indian

Prime Minister," a statement by the group said.

Dozens of separatist groups, either fighting for independence or merger with Pakistan, have opposed elections in the state.

Deve Gowda's visit comes two days before an all-party leaders' meeting the prime minister has called in New Delhi to discuss assembly elections in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

It also follows an exchange of letters between the prime ministers of India and Pakistan to resume stalled talks over their claims on the Himalayan region, the cause of two of their three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

"I met all political parties and all of them demanded early elections. This is their collective demand," Deve Gowda said, adding he wanted to finalize the dates for the state's assembly elections at tomorrow's all-party leaders' meeting.

On the question of Kashmir's autonomy, he said: "All those things will be discussed with the elected assembly of the state."

Local officials said the prime minister was briefed about the year-long ordeal of four Western tourists kidnapped by Moslem militants and security in the region.

Little is known of the whereabouts of two Britons, a German and an American taken hostage by Kashmir's Al Faran group in July last year. "We have no way of knowing. I hope they are alive," said Kashmir governor General K.V. Krishna Rao.

## Charles offers Diana £20m. for divorce

PRINCE Charles and Princess Diana look set to agree an end to their 15-year marriage as early as next week.

After 10 weeks of bitter wrangling, Charles is believed to have made a "clean break" offer of up to 20 million pounds (NIS 100 million) to the glamorous princess he married in a fairytale wedding that turned sour.

Sources close to the estranged couple say they could reach agreement and make a joint statement tomorrow, ending one of the sorriest chapters in the history of the House of Windsor.

Diana's lawyer Anthony Julius discussed Charles' offer with her on Friday and the ball is now in Diana's court. If she accepts, the marriage could be annulled within two months.

Proper consideration will be given to the proposals that have been made," Julius told reporters.

Both sides refused to comment on the details but Charles was said to have preferred making a "drip feed" annual allowance offer. Diana stuck to her demand for a lump sum.

If Charles offers a multibillion pound settlement, then he will either need help from his mother, Queen Elizabeth, or a loan from the bankers of his Duchy of Cornwall.

Mutual mistrust abounded in the divorce negotiations, denting the popularity of the monarchy. The Queen had urged the couple to agree to a speedy end to their failed marriage.

Prime Minister John Major, echoing the views of many Britons, said: "I think everyone will be happy when this matter is satisfactorily concluded."

Diana, who will spend the weekend mulling Charles' offer, is expected to keep her Kensington Palace home in London and be given an allowance to run her own private office.

One sticking point could be her title - Diana is said to be keen still to be called Her Royal Highness while the queen is apparently reluctant to agree.

Diana has been separated from the 47-year-old heir to the throne for more than two years. Under English law, the couple can

## Hutu rebels claim attack on Burundi tea plant, 80 Tutsis killed

NATROBI (Reuters) - Burundian Hutu rebels said yesterday they killed 80 Tutsis - among the victims were children and babies - at a tea factory they destroyed because it was a "military position."

The exiled National Council for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD), fighting Burundi's

Tutsi-dominated army since 1994, said its forces launched the attack at Teza tea plant in the northwest in the stepped-up guerrilla war.

The tea plant, its Tutsi occupants described by the CNDD as government soldiers and 20 military vehicles, were also destroyed in the raid at Teza. CNDD Africa representative Innocent Nimpagaritse, told Reuters in the Kenyan capital.

The attack at Teza was the latest ethnic slaughter in this tiny tea and coffee-growing central African nation, where over 150,000 people have already died in the past three years as the rebels engage government forces

across the country.

"Our freedom fighters attacked the tea factory at Teza," Nimpagaritse said by telephone from his Nairobi residence.

"They undertook the operation because the factory was a military position of more than 120 soldiers of the government army," he said. "Our fighters killed more than 80 soldiers and completely destroyed the factory together with 20 military vehicles."

Witnesses at Teza counted 16 charred bodies of babies and children inside one house and of 22 men, women and children outside.

But Nimpagaritse said civilians killed at the tea factory were armed Tutsi militia whom the CNDD treated as part of Burundi's state military machinery.

"The only civilians we killed were armed elements of the Tutsi militia. These are armed by government and are therefore treated as part of the army by our forces," the former minister said.

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# Animals know how to hoard their food

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**How do dogs find buried bones and how do squirrels locate nuts they hid away days or weeks before? Boris, Haifa. Dr. Anai Barnea, a senior lecturer in zoology at the Open University in Tel Aviv, answers:**

Dogs can find bones they buried a few hours or days before thanks to their sense of smell. They smell the bones themselves or remember the scent of the microenvironment at the spot where they hid the bones.

Squirrels, as well as a variety of other mammals and also birds, show more complex hoarding behavior. These species collect food in seasons when it is plentiful and store it away for eating in seasons when little food is available.

As these animals are territorial and live within a circumscribed geographical area, they know their home very well and have a good memory for detail.

Some species have short-term hoarding behavior, and retrieve the food within a few hours or days, so there is no problem of changing scenery, such as when snow covers the ground.

Others, such as woodpeckers and blue jays, hide their food in autumn and retrieve it in the spring to feed their chicks. My colleagues and I have studied this process for four years.

We now think that it is the hippocampus in the brain that collects and stores this visual information. We found a correlation between the storing activity and neurological changes (growth of new nerve cells) in the brain.

The process is very complex, as the animals must erase old "maps" in their brain and update them with new "maps" of the area as the seasons change.

When the new Biblical Zoo



Squirrels, as well as a variety of mammals and birds, show a more complex hoarding behavior than dogs. (David Rubinger)

opened, I noticed that the flamingoes were very pink. I visited recently, and they were only very pale pink? What is the reason? Anita, Beersheba.

Biblical Zoo chief veterinarian Dr. Gabi Eshkar explains:

Flamingoes are naturally white if they don't get a proper diet. We feed them crabs, which have special pigments that turn their feathers a light pink to a bright red, depending on the variety of flamingo.

But even though this diet is the same throughout the year, many animals are more colorful in the spring and summer and have faded colors in the winter. This is probably due to the need to attract the opposite sex during their breeding season.

Why does a person who suffers from anemia look pale? Is his blood any less red than anyone with normal blood hemoglobin? Ronni, Holon.

Prof. Avigdor Zelikovsky, head of the vascular department at Rabin Medical Center-Belzinson Campus in Petah Tikva, replies:

An anemic person has a smaller volume of blood and less hemoglobin.

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I won't take the place of the aliya emissary, but it should reduce immigrants' complaints about "things my shalish never told me."

The British Olim Society (BOS) has just produced a 3 1/2-inch computer diskette packed with aliya and absorption information for taking home and studying at one's leisure.

Nominally priced at NIS 20 and available from any BOS office, the Discover Aliya diskette is a welcome application for computer software.

The idea was born when a British tourist interested in aliya was handed a BOS "starter pack" of booklets on living in Israel.

"He asked if we had the information on a diskette, and we decided this was a wonderful idea," says Maurice Singer, deputy managing director of BOS.

"All Jewish Agency offices have an on-line service with the latest information, and anyone on the Internet can link up as well. But many potential olim don't have easy access to such on-line services."

BOS, which receives 70% of its budget from the Jewish Agency, serves a potential population of nearly 50,000 British immigrants as the Israeli representative of the British Zionist Federation.

Those who seek help do not have to pay dues (unlike the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, for example). BOS also serves immigrants from Australia, Scandinavia and Germany and (as a sub-contracting organization) South African olim who live outside Tel Aviv.

"We didn't want to charge people for services or make some immigrants reluctant to turn to us if they were not members, so we decided against setting membership fees," says Singer.

BOS, with five branches (Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba and Karmiel) and 30 employees,

# Diskette downloads aliya advice



The British Olim Society's 'Discover Aliya' diskette is packed with aliya and absorption information.

conducts nearly 7,000 personal interviews a year. The counselors provide advice and information about jobs, housing and other burning issues. "We visit the countries of origin once a year to be in touch before they arrive, and we hold job seminars once they are here."

The computer diskette project took about 18 months to carry out. Realizing that the Jewish Agency, which is suffering from serious budgetary problems, could not pay for it, BOS decided to solicit outside support. The Israel Discount Bank provided about NIS 7,000 for the project in exchange for advertising of its banking services on the disk.

"We wouldn't have taken any fly-by-night advertiser, only a reputable organization of interest to immigrants," says Singer, who came on aliya from London in 1968 and is married with three children.

The bank's donation was enough to produce 1,000 diskettes. Because information changes so fast, BOS intends to put out new editions on a regular basis.

Although Jewish Agency and BOS information booklets serve as the basis of the information in the diskette, there is a disclaimer clause in the text saying the government of Israel will not be bound by statements made in the

professional licensing, rental subsidies, shipments and sports.

In the section on pets, the diskette notes with British humor (I mean humor) that one's animals are not eligible for aliya under the Law of Return, but that if they lived abroad for three months and are given a clean bill of health by a veterinarian, they are welcome to come.

The long lists of Hebrew ulpanim, schools and embassies provide addresses as well as telephone numbers. (I caught only one address error - for the Employment Service's job counseling office in Jerusalem; it is 49 Rehov Agrippas, not 49 Rehov Agropim.)

But any bugs that are caught and reported will be corrected in the next edition, says Singer. The old version will be swapped for a nominal handling fee if the BOS knows the user's current address.

The next edition, already in the planning stages, will include additional subjects, including home purchase, paying bills, Lono and Toto, public transport and the Civil Guard.

The Jewish Agency said it welcomes the BOS diskette. However, the agency itself has no current plans to put its own aliya and absorption information booklets on a diskette.

"Our on-line service in all over overseas offices is easily accessible to aliya candidates, and anybody on the Internet can reach our service from home or office."

"There must be some people who fall between the chairs and neither come to our offices nor have Internet access. But they can contact our offices by phone or fax if they wish. We may consider the idea of diskettes for taking home at some time in the future."

Given the fact that Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg is a known computer "freak," it seems reasonable that once he sees Discover Aliya, he will think a diskette is a good idea as well.

# Egypt moves ahead in software development

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ISRAEL has a very respectable place in the world's software market, but Egypt is investing much effort in becoming the Arab world's leading programming country.

According to a recent article in Business Week, a single company in Cairo employs some 300 software developers. Many international companies are opening branches in Egypt to take advantage of the relatively cheap labor there. The average computer programmer in Egypt earns the equivalent of \$3,000 a year.

According to the article, some 4,000 computer programmers are employed in Egypt, about half of them working on word-processing programs, educational programs and business applications in Arabic.

All the rest work in the computer departments of banks and other large companies. Business Week hinted that some programmers are eager to find work in Israel, whose software industry is begging for qualified staff.

The Anashim U'Machshevim computer weekly adds that international companies are inviting the best of the programmers to their headquarters and offering them salaries more than 10 times that available in Egypt, where the average per-capita income is \$750 a year. Software companies have to cope with the big problem of pirated programs; in Egypt, about 90% of programs in use are illegal copies.

TRAVEL BUG

Believe it or not, Iran, Syria and Saudi Arabia are among the countries that have their own Web pages on the Internet to promote travel and provide basic information. Although there are no direct flights from Israel, Israelis nevertheless may locate these cyberspace sites with help from a new book focusing on travel information via the Internet.

The book, called *Atarei Nesiot ba'Internet* and sold in Bug and other computer software shops, was originally written in English (*Travel on the Internet*) by Savitha Varadan and Kenyon Brown and published in 1995. Now Bug Multisystem in Bnei Brak has produced a 250-page Hebrew translation for NIS 49.

The first section contains a lot of tips and general information about the computer network, while the second gives the E-mail addresses and details about hundreds of Web sites devoted to countries and tourism.

The soft-cover volume is divided in sections according to geographical area: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, the Americas, and our own Middle East.

Even though it was published

in Hebrew, no special efforts are made to highlight Israel; it gets little more than a page for the Israel Information Service site at <http://www.israel.org/>, but no doubt Israelis have other sources of getting domestic travel information.

World-be tourists will be able to reap much information from the various Web sites in advance of their trip, obtaining data on geography, hotels, rates, transportation, climate, local currency, maps, health advice, events and restaurants.

Those who don't have the money or the time to travel abroad can at least see the sites on their home computer.

PRINT YOUR OWN COUPONS

If you like the idea of getting discounts at your supermarket but hate cutting out newspaper coupons, Visa-C.A.L. has a new idea: print coupons out on your own computer.

This innovative idea requires users to log onto Visa's Internet site at <http://www.visa.co.il> and view the various available coupons for purchasing items at Shekem, Supersol, Hypercol and Hyper Hagal Hayarak.

The long-held belief about coupons was that their access had to be limited by granting one set for each copy of newspaper purchased.

Now Visa has changed all this and allowed people with access to the Internet to print up on their own computer printer as many coupons as they want.

The catch, of course, is that there is a time limit on the use of each coupon, and that the discount will be granted only on one type of product at a time in each store.

Anyone who runs from supermarket to supermarket to save a few shekels is bound to waste a lot of time.

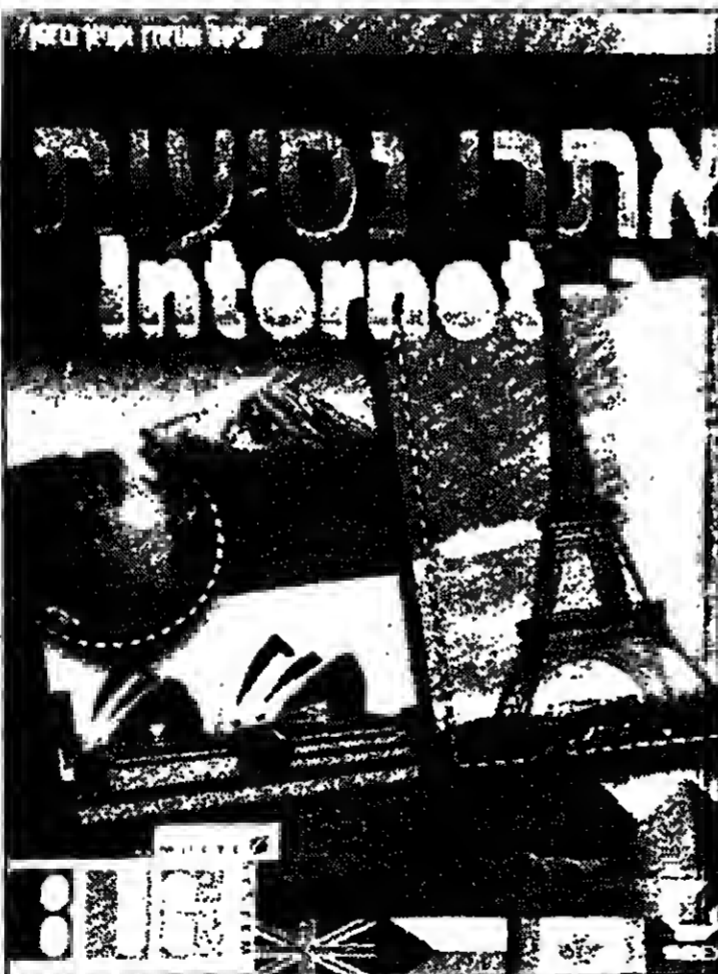
BRAVO FOR MUSICAL CD-ROMS

I am not aware of any statistics, but the number of children interested in classical music is undoubtedly very small.

But now a computer software company in Or Yehuda has introduced two attractive programs for youngsters that is bound to inspire youthful fascination for music.

Hed Artzi Multimedia's first offering is *Peter Vchazev*, in which distinguished actor Yossi Yadin narrates in Hebrew the story of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. The multimedia CD-ROM also presents the music itself, performed by the Hed Artzi symphony orchestra and conducted by Gary Berini.

Aimed at children aged two and up (elementary school-age



'Atarei Nesiot ba'Internet' (Travel on the Internet) helps Israelis retrieve travel information in cyberspace.

youngsters should be most captivated by it), the disk divides up the various "scenes" in the story. The user learns to identify the various characters by the types of instrument and the musical motif that accompanies them.

After learning the connection between the sections of music and the characters, the child is asked to identify the character when hearing a bit of music.

Even without understanding musical scales, the child can appreciate the significance of rising and falling notes and answer yes or no when asked if a particular piece of music is represented by a certain series of notes on a staff.

The NIS 79 CD-ROM is very well done and pleasant to both the eye and the ear: you'll find yourself humming the melodies even when the computer is turned off.

Meanwhile, an imported music-appreciation CD-ROM, Morton Sobotnik's *Making Music*, has been translated into Hebrew by Hed Artzi Multimedia. Meant for children age five and up, the NIS 149 *Osim Musica* puts musical notes in graphic contexts that young children can understand: birds sitting on five electrical wires or wooden soldiers on a lined football field.

This joins the visual and audio worlds, and encourages children

to compose melodies with the click of their mouse, save them and replay them.

To set the beat, the user must decide how many eggs to put in each bird's nest; the more eggs, the faster the tune. The user is asked to draw a figure on the screen, each little line representing a musical note.

As a vertical line passes from left to right over the drawing, it is turned into music. Users are also taught about the various types of musical instruments and how they sound.

ACCESS BY FINGER

Instead of identifying yourself to a guard or even slipping a magnetic card into a special reader to get into your workplace, you may soon merely have to put your finger on a scanner.

Mitsubishi Electric has developed the FPR-200SP, an electronic system for identifying people according to their fingerprints. The scanners identify the print in less than a second and are very reliable. The company said the risk of error is less than 0.002%.

The system has enough capacity to store the fingerprints of hundreds or even thousands of people, and can be used to limit access to large companies, bank safes, databases and even residential buildings.

# Study: Most Israelis suffered from depression after Rabin assassination

HEALTH SCAN  
POST HEALTH REPORTER

THE majority of Israelis suffered from depression within a week of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. Many were unable to concentrate at work, suffered from tension and had difficulty getting to sleep.

This reaction, found in a sample of 199 fully employed Israeli men, lasted for an average of 68 days - and even longer among those who had previously suffered a painful loss in their own family.

The psychological effects of the late premier's death on the public were reported by researchers from the Occupational Health Institute in Ra'anana and the Tel Aviv University School of Social Work, who spoke at the recent world conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies at Jerusalem's Renaissance Hotel.

The researchers, led by Thelma Kushnir, found that the assassination shocked Israelis regardless of their political affiliation and shattered for many their sense of political and cultural stability.

For many, because of Rabin's active role in promoting the peace prospects, his death was regarded as a "loss of a significant national resource."

The researchers found that women's emotional reactions were significantly more intense than men's. Many respondents reported going to Rabin Square, where he was murdered, visiting his home and his grave, as well as leaving work early to watch the funeral.

Also reporting at the symposium was a team of researchers at the Abarbanel Mental Health Center in Bai Yam. Most therapists came to work as usual after the assassination, feeling intense sadness but forcing themselves to see their patients. Some reported difficulties listening to patients with extreme political views, a problem that had arisen before.

Some psychotic patients related to the murder in "a psychotic way," and one patient said Rabin had not been killed but had disappeared due to a conspiracy.

The only Abarbanel outpatient whose condition deteriorated due to the assassination stopped sleeping and continuously mourned by walking the streets. He was finally hospitalized.

Many other patients, fearful of added stigma, said they were relieved that the murderer was not mentally ill.

HEARTY DEAD SEA VACATION

A vacation at the Dead Sea has been found good not only for psoriasis sufferers but also for heart patients because of the high concentration of oxygen at the lowest place on earth. Prof. Edward Aviner of the Bnei Zion Hospital's cardiology institute and Haifa Technion's medical

school conducted research on this subject.

Previous tests in high-altitude (3,000 meters above sea level) locations had found that cardiac function seriously declined under such conditions.

The Bnei Zion team decided to test the effects on the heart of the Dead Sea area, which is 400 meters below sea level. Fifteen patients who stayed at the Dead Sea's Ganei Moriah Hotel were given a six-day vacation.

They underwent daily examinations and tests. The medical team found that blood supply to the heart was greater than at home, and that they were able to exert themselves more on exercise machines than they had been able to do in Haifa, which is on average 130 meters above sea level.

FROM DELIVERY TO OPERATING ROOM

A rare congenital defect identified prenatally in the small intestines of two unrelated newborn babies resulted in surgery immediately after birth within a single week at Bnei Zion Hospital.

The infants, who would have died without the surgery, are completely cured, according to Dr. George Mogilner, head of pediatric surgery at the government hospital.

The defect, in which one of the blood vessels in the digestive system is damaged during pregnancy and cannot supply blood to the intestines, occurs in one out every 2,000 to 3,000 births.

Ultrasound scans of the mother show an inordinate amount of amniotic fluid in the womb, and the baby is born with a distended abdomen and vomits a green liquid.

On alert, the Bnei Zion doctors were prepared to move the babies directly to the operating room after their births. A normal blood supply to the intestines was created and the babies were cured.

HAIR-RAISING SOLUTION

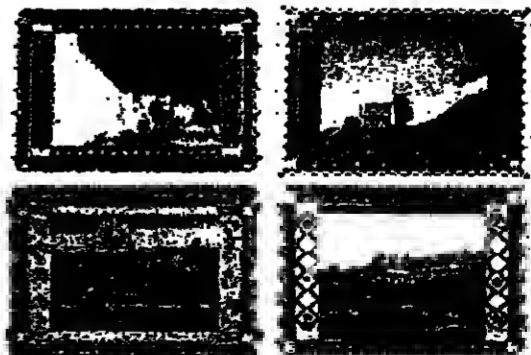
Kupat Holim Meuhedet has opened an unusual center specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of hair loss in men and women.

The center, located at 6 Sderot Ya'acov in Herzliya, is open to everyone, but Meuhedet members who have joined its supplementary insurance scheme Adif will get special terms.

The patients undergo a careful medical examination, including blood tests if necessary. Hair loss can be due to hormonal problems, taking certain drugs, anemia and genetic factors.

If regrowth cannot be effected, the patient may undergo hair transplants at the center, which are performed under local anesthesia and do not require hospitalization.

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## No concessions on Bar-Ilan

JERUSALEM'S greatness as a capital city lies in the sheer diversity of its inhabitants religious, ethnic and national affiliations. Jerusalem is an urban planner's nightmare but a city in which different and at times competing communities live not only side-by-side, but one inside the other. A short stroll through the city center on a Friday night takes one from the deafening noise of the latest popular pub to the sounds of Shabbat songs from any one of a myriad of synagogues or studyhouses.

It is not easy to maintain the delicate balance between the different lifestyles of the city's residents. Summertime in particular, with its long, hot Shabbat afternoons, seems to bring out the worst in the city's people, both religious and secular. President Ezer Weizman acted correctly and wisely when he persuaded MK Yossi Sarid to call off a Meretz demonstration on Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan Street, planned for yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately, the lack of Meretz activists did not stop haredi demonstrators from throwing stones and bottles at passing cars and, once again, Shabbat afternoon in Jerusalem turned into a pitched battle between haredis and the police.

It is almost incomprehensible for those outside the haredi community to understand why traveling in a car on Shabbat is so unacceptable, while throwing bottles at moving vehicles and yelling "Nazi" at policemen attempting to restore order would seem to be a fulfillment of God's wishes. Nonetheless, the Meretz demonstration, even with the High Court's sanction, should never have been considered. Even a High Court cannot sanction the yelling of "fire!" in a crowded theater as an exercise in free speech.

It seems that Meretz has not learnt the sobering lessons of Shimon Peres's defeat. It was the perceived anti-religious bent of the previous government, with Meretz leading the crusade, that contributed in no small way to the former prime minister and government losing vital votes and hence the election. Given that Bar-Ilan Street is still open to traffic on Shabbat, and that neither the municipality nor the Transport Ministry has issued any indication that they intend to change the road's status, Meretz's decision to demonstrate served no useful purpose other than provocation and, sure enough, succeeded only in antagonizing the religious public.

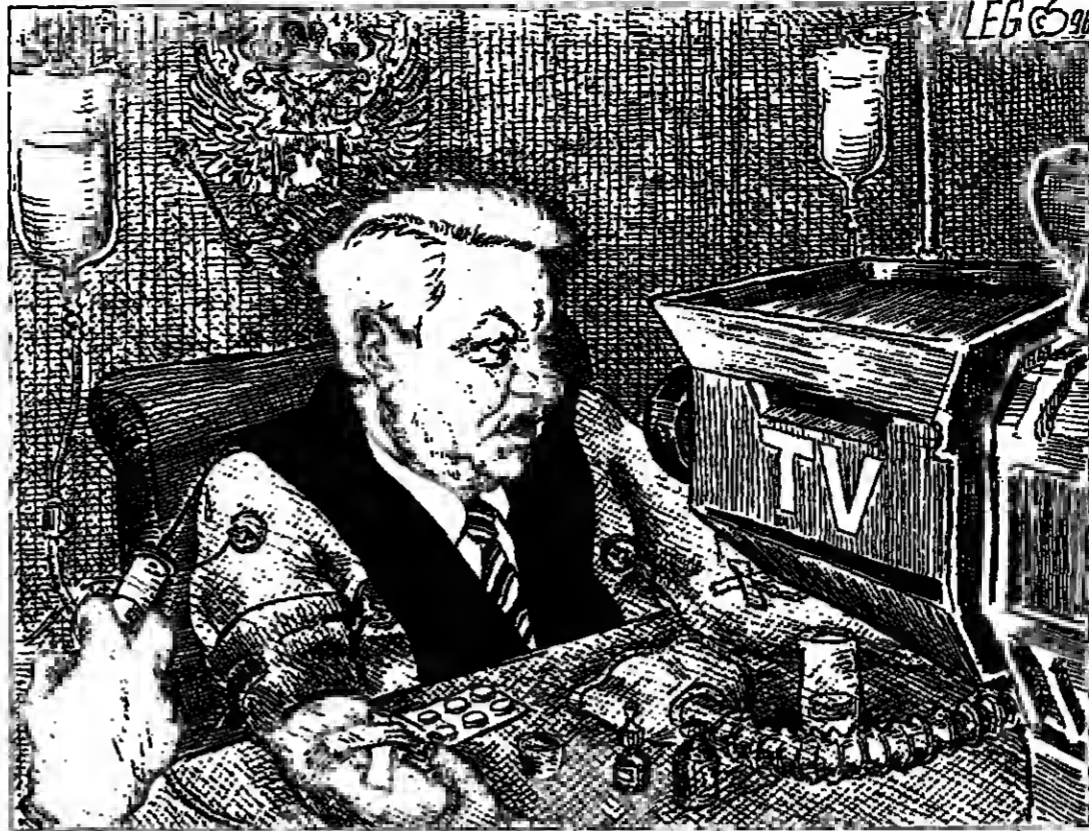
The haredim are angry and already have been disappointed once over this issue — when Ehud Olmert deposed Teddy Kollek as mayor in an electoral victory similar to that of Netanyahu's, Jerusalem's haredi community expected the road's closure as part of their election spoils. But last year, Olmert was obliged to say he simply could not even implement the recommendations of the Sturm Committee to close the road during times of prayer because Bar-Ilan

was "a major traffic artery" that only the Transport Ministry could close for some exceptional reason. His decision sparked major haredi demonstrations with some 2,000 of them facing off against police and water cannon in two weekends last October. If the issue is so inflammable that a man as respected as the mayor could unwittingly ignite mass demonstrations, it is even more urgent for Meretz to realize the danger it is flirting with so irresponsibly. The harder it pushes its campaign to keep the road open, the harder will the haredim dig in their heels and demand its closure.

For both sides, Bar-Ilan has become a litmus test of the new balance of power following Binyamin Netanyahu's election on a wave of massive haredi support. There is of course nothing inherently wrong about the haredi demand to close roads on Shabbat in neighborhoods where the vast majority of residents are observant. If Jerusalem is to survive as a mosaic of different communities, then religious sensibilities of all must be respected, those of haredim certainly no less than Moslems or Christians. But Bar-Ilan is no small side-street which happens to be in a religious area. It is a major Jerusalem artery. Closing this road is not just a matter of inconvenience for secular drivers. Bar-Ilan services the Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus and is the main link to such non-religious areas such as Ramat Eschkol and French Hill. While there are roundabout ways to reach these destinations, there is no guarantee that if they succeed in closing Bar-Ilan the religious public will stop there rather than campaigning to have these other roads shut off on Shabbat as well.

If Shabbat quiet is to be returned to north Jerusalem, the Transport Ministry should quickly make clear that it has no intention of ordering the road closed, that the issue is settled and further demonstrations are futile. A failure to do so will only lead to more distasteful scenes of clashes between the police and haredi residents, scenes which are all the more disturbing given their appearance during the "three weeks," the period in the Jewish calendar which marks the three weeks of mourning for the destruction of the Temple. As Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau pointed out in his call last week to the haredi population not to demonstrate, "both the Temple and Jerusalem were destroyed only because of baseless hatred."

There can be no concessions to the haredi community on the Bar-Ilan issue. Closing a major road artery on Shabbat will destroy the delicate balance which allows Jerusalem to function as the capital of all its residents. Any change in this balance will only serve to drive out young, secular families from the capital, and the beauty that is Jerusalem's diversity will be destroyed.



## Nixonization of Israel

MARK A. HELLER

SEVERAL months ago, President Weizman provoked a minor attack of cultural angst by expressing some reservations about the Coca-Cola Colonization of Israeli society.

Since the election of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli political system has also been diagnosed as "Americanized."

Whether this is seen as a good thing probably depends on one's feelings about the outcome of the election — and on this issue, the president has been mercifully reticent. But evidence of the phenomenon, including direct election in a two-man race, decline of the major parties, and the impact of television, seems beyond dispute.

Not only is the government looking increasingly presidential (National Security Council, Council of Economic Advisers, etc.), we now even have our own "nanny scandal."

The snobs among us may lament what's happening to popular culture, but they can at least escape it if they want to; television, after all, have an off button. Politics, however, is a much more serious business, since it affects everyone, and there is no way to switch off government.

In the US, presidential candidates have totally failed to answer the question "Where's the beef?" and still been elected; and it is a matter of some concern that the ambiguity and vacuity of American presidential campaigns has insinuated itself into the Israeli body politic.

Almost three decades ago, when the war in Vietnam was the burning issue in American politics, Richard Nixon was elected president after promising the public he had a secret plan to end the war.

To this day, nobody knows what the secret was, but what Nixon eventually did, five years later, was to declare victory and go home, making sure only that a decent interval passed between the withdrawal of American forces and the collapse of South Vietnam.

In retrospect it was probably the most realistic policy avail-

able, but since Nixon had spent years hashing his political opponents for advocating precisely that course, he himself needed a decent interval before he could embrace it.

In the meanwhile, precious resources and thousands of lives were needlessly wasted.

It is still not clear, even in retrospect, which aspect of the 1968 elections was more breathtaking: Nixon's evasiveness or the gulli-

mal country. Its problems are not on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, and the prime minister doesn't have years to work out a strategy which supposedly existed and explained why he should be elected.

So far the public, along with the rest of the world, remains ignorant of what the government is planning to do about secure peace, not only with respect to long-term strategy, but also concerning specific near-term problems like Hebron and Orient House.

This situation can endure a while longer, because the Arabs, too, are still confused and groping for a clearer course to adopt.

In fact, the Arab summit, for all its rhetorical ventilation, actually provided a bit of breathing space.

But pressures are already building up on the ground because of the continuing economic effects of the closure, especially in Hebron, where last week's wave of vandalism against Arab property has further poisoned an atmosphere already made tense by the delayed redeployment.

Determined efforts by the security forces and the Palestinian Authority have kept violence in check, but Yasser Arafat's authority is being undermined, and if he despairs or collapses, there can be no illusion that the alternative will be more congenial.

On these issues, therefore, the government will probably opt for Labor's policy with an attitude, but if it does, it should avoid the Nixon approach and bite the bullet sooner rather than later.

As far as overall strategy is concerned, it is reasonable to wait a bit longer and try to coordinate policy with Clinton during Netanyahu's visit to Washington this week.

But any prolonged delay will simply invite trouble, and soon after his American inauguration, he will have to show the rest of us his cards.

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## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



LIFE IMITATES ART — just like in the current movie hit *Babe*, this dog has adopted a piglet and is raising it as one of her puppies. The piglet was rescued from a Perth abattoir by a farmer who didn't want to see it killed — which is also straight out of the movie. The similarities end there, however, as the piglet cannot speak. Yet.

## Yes, and no

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

WHEN the Gallup Poll asked whether the words "honest and trustworthy" apply to Bill Clinton, Clinton lost 49 percent to 46 percent. But when Gallup asked whether Clinton has the honesty and integrity to serve as president, he won 62-36, a landslide bigger than Lyndon Johnson's.

A quarter-century after Nixon, we have achieved the normalization of Nixonian ethics. A large number of Americans think their president crooked and ethically fit for the office.

This is no Teflon presidency. This is Velcro. Everything sticks to this man — Flowers and Jones, Whitewater and Filegate. But it doesn't matter. Expectations of presidential character have fallen so low with Clinton that the people can believe the worst about him and still want him.

Republicans are at their wits' end with frustration that, as the sordidness of this administration is progressively exposed, Clinton suffers little political damage. The American people say — and Perot's 19 percent claim it is a principle — they want clean government, but they obviously don't mean it.

They don't mean it about character. And — the ultimate Republican frustration — they don't mean it about policy either.

So policy, with few exceptions, the country is conservative. The American people say they want smaller government, lower taxes, balanced budgets, less welfare, more jails, etc. It is no accident that no one campaigns for national office as a liberal. Anyone who can get away with it campaigns as a conservative. And Clinton is proving that anyone with high intelligence and no scruples can get away with it.

Clinton, whose major presidential initiatives were gays in the military, a stimulus package of federal spending, a tax increase and the nationalization of health care, is now running for re-election as a moderate conservative.

In one of the most cynical — and successful — acts of election year repositioning in recent American history, Clinton has moved to the right on a dozen issues. He's for school uniforms and curfews for minors. He's for the V-chip and the "victims' rights" constitutional amendment. He's for Megan's Law. He's against gay marriage.

Having slashed the staff of the White House Office of Drug Abuse by 80 percent, he's now talking tough on drugs. Having submitted a fiscal year 97 budget with \$200B deficits as far as the eye can see, he's now for a balanced budget.

Most brazen of all, having twice vetoed welfare reform bills, he's

## Clinton, the perfect president for our era

now the champion of welfare reform. Three days before Bob Dole was to give a major speech on welfare, Clinton suddenly announced in a Saturday radio address his endorsement of Wisconsin's radical (Republican) welfare plan.

Clinton's aides have since been hard at work watering it down. No matter. That's for page 38. The Saturday speech was page 1.

OF COURSE, everyone knows that Clinton is merely positioning. But that too doesn't matter. The polls show that with these deliberate rhetorical moves to the center Clinton has risen significantly in the polls — 13 points — on the question of whether he reflects the values of the American people.

Reflect he does. Like a mirror. The Republicans are confounded. They were elected in 1994 on a detailed conservative agenda that they then tried to enact — an error of sincerity and zeal for which they have ever been paying in the polls.

Clinton's political genius is discerning and then becoming whatever the people want. They want tough welfare reform, but they don't want to hurt anyone. They want to abolish racial preferences, but they want to save affirmative action. They want to balance the budget, but will crucify the politician who tampers with Medicare, which is bussof the budget.

In other words, they aren't serious, and neither is Clinton. On every great issue, they say yes and no. Clinton, the man who smoked but didn't inhale, lives and breathes yes and no.

He talks right and governs (when he can) left. He talks tough and governs soft. He is, in short, the perfect president for our time. And if he cuts a few ethical corners too, so what?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DRIVERS' EDUCATION

Sir, — Canadian Bruce P. Elman ("Terror on wheels," J.P., June 18) calls for the government to come up with a comprehensive plan to reduce what he calls "traffic terrorism" on Israel's highways. He makes several references to the Canadian system, including license merit points (which exist here) and photo radar (a version of which has been under trial here).

But he neglects to mention something that should be near to the Jewish heart, and is indeed practiced in Canada, albeit by the private sector: education.

A major Canadian brewery, ultimately controlled by a branch of the Bronfman family, has for several years sponsored a driving skills program aimed at those responsible for a disproportionate number of car crashes: the university-age driver who has already had a license for a few years.

The Labatt's Road Scholarship, as it is called, is staffed by current and ex-racing car drivers and visits

### KUDOS

Sir, — Kudos to Amotz Asa-El for having the courage to finally come out and say what we've all been thinking for so long ("dot with clay feet," June 14).

It reminded me of an incident during a demonstration in Jerusalem several months ago. Pausing at the side to catch my breath, I fell into conversation with a man standing by a car, watching the police and demonstrators. He was from a moshav in the north and we had a pleasant time comparing the merits of the various police horses as they walked by us. It wasn't until much later that he noticed the sign at my feet and realized that I was a demonstrator, and worse, settler. He was, he confessed, a policeman. It was at that point that we both realized the extent of the damage our then prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had done to his own people. He had tried to make us enemies, and very nearly succeeded. Efrat.

### EVERYBODY'S PRIME MINISTER

Sir, — Susan Hattis Rolef, in her article "A PM for all the people..." (J.P., June 24), cleverly twists Prime Minister Netanyahu's statement that he will be "everybody's prime minister" to mean that he is out to please everybody, and then concludes that he "won't be out to please folks like me."

The prime minister's statement is far different from Ms. Rolef's contention. What is to be inferred from the prime minister's statement is that he won't tell a significant portion of the population to "go spin like propellers" nor will he tell a person with an accent "go go back to where you came from." He will not make catastrophic decisions based on a parliamentary majority of one, and a probable popular minority. He will listen to your side of the story, Ms. Rolef, and when he comes to the conclusion that your point has merit in theory, but not in reality, he will dismiss it. But he will listen. That is what is meant by being a prime minister for all, and what has been lacking for the past 1400 years.

LEWIS ALSTER  
Jerusalem.

### TEMPLE MOUNT

Sir, — Your correspondent Bill Hutman reports (J.P., June 21) that the PA claims that there are plans for a weekly schedule of Jewish prayers on the Temple Mount. Without going into the factual basis, if any, for such a claim, it is interesting to note the attitude of the PA-appointed Minister of Religious Affairs, Hassan Tahboub, who is quoted as saying "We will do whatever is necessary to prevent Jews from praying at Haram Al-Sharif."

Imagine the outcry which would follow if the Israeli side were to flatly refuse to allow Moslems to visit any of their sites. Then try to envisage the reaction to such an attitude were it to be expressed towards their most holy, sacred site, the Ka'aba, were its administration to be in our hands.

It is an incident like this that shows the single-mindedness of the Arab position. This will remind us of the gravestones used as paving stones, the dynamiting of synagogues, and worst of all, the many years when Jews could not even visit the Western Wall. Once again, we are shown that nothing has changed, and we face an implacable foe.

ROB DAVIS  
Rehovot.

### TRAFFIC CRIMES

Sir, — It was encouraging to see your write about the Metuna organization ("Spend to save lives," J.P., June 12) and their goal: cutting traffic fatalities by using the Marom device (which documents drivers' crimes on the spot) and by lowering some speed limits.

Let's hope the new government will take traffic crimes more seriously than their predecessors. So far, our traffic laws seem to be largely unenforced.

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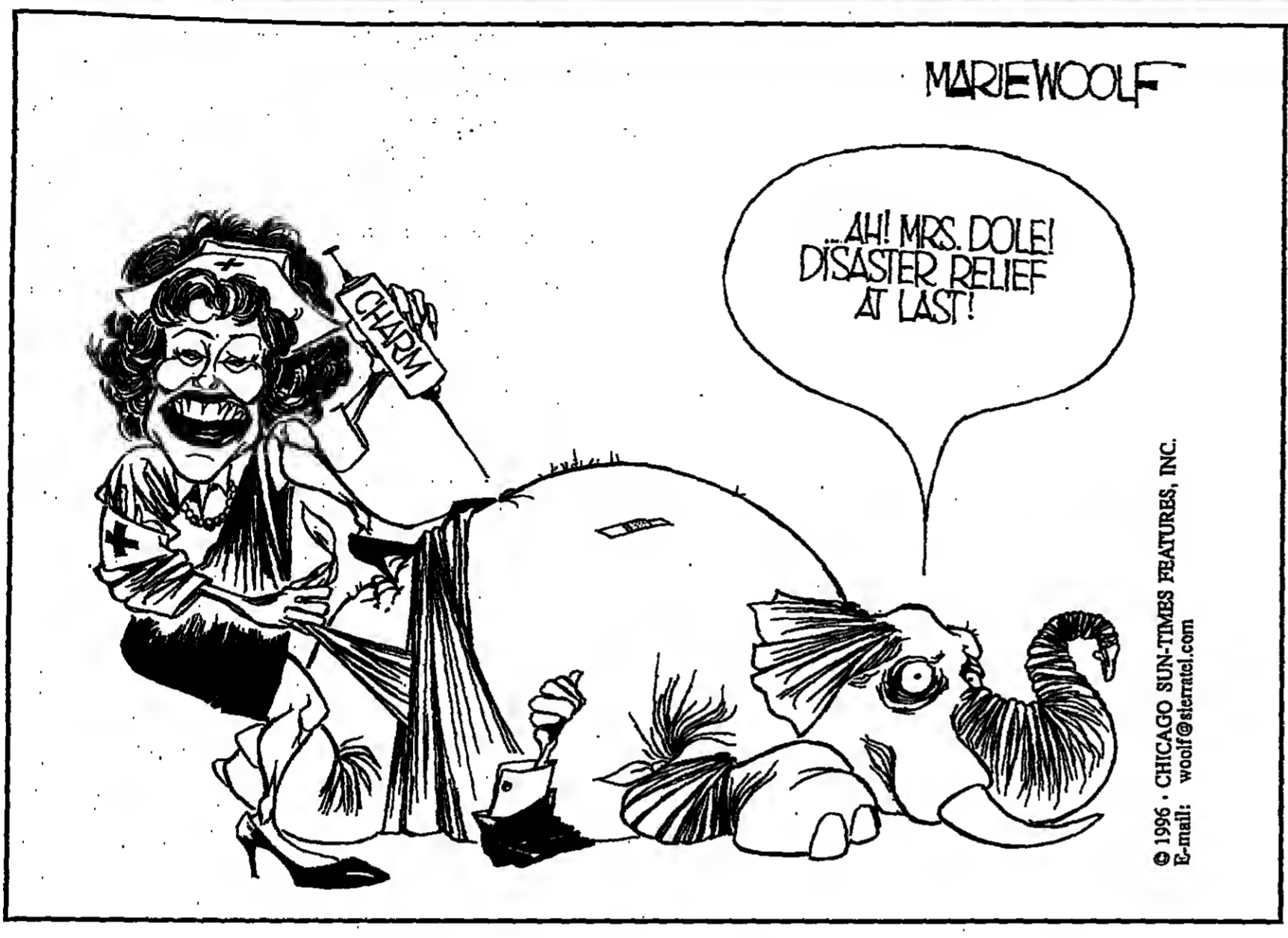
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## Dole makes 'the choice'

BY ROBERT NOVAK

After two weeks of trying to reassemble the abortion compromise that was demolished by Bob Dole, his supporters are asking a one-word question about the Republican presidential candidate's behavior: Why?

It is a question his many managers and aides have been asking for 16 years. There is no easy answer to why he acts as he does. On abortion as on other issues, this 72-year-old political veteran acts impulsively and unpredictably. Bob Woodward's new book, *The Choice*, underscores that reality.

Even though the abortion repair job shows promise, self-inflicted damage casts a cloud over the next four months. Dole has been a patriot, a dedicated public servant and a most accomplished Senate floor leader. He could be a highly effective president. But he is now and always has been a terrible presidential candidate.

The two weeks since he left the Senate have seemed aimless, nonetheless wanderings, his attacks on President Clinton enhancing an image of meanness. His own strategists' recognition that Dole must espouse economic growth has run into the laborious task of convincing the candidate that reducing the tax burden of Americans is not unreasonable. Republican politicians hope an avalanche of Clinton scandals will compensate for an ineffective campaign.

The trouble with Dole the campaigner is reflected by what he has done about abortion. His own aides thought they had neatly solved that problem with a carefully drafted "declaration of tolerance" in the Republican platform to recognize dissent. It was remarkable enough that Dole ruined that effort by proposing that the declaration be specifically attached to the abortion plank. Even more remarkable is how he did it.

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Incredibly, there was no debate inside the campaign. Dole did not consult his closest subordinates. They learned about the change after his interview on CNN had been taped and just before it was broadcast. One influential supporter who presumably ought to know the source of the candidate's political intelligence told me that he suspects Dole is talking to somebody with contrary views on abortion but that he does not have the slightest idea who that person might be. On the other hand, others even closer to Dole believe there is no such phantom adviser.

Indeed, Dole is one of the hardest men in politics to advise. A Republican elder who has been trying to help the candidate described to me his frustration: "I make a suggestion, and Bob doesn't say yes and doesn't say no. If he finally does decide to do what I suggest, he does not give an indication until it finally happens and never gives advance warning."

In the case of abortion, Doleologists note that 48 hours before his abortion alteration the candidate was at the home of lobbyist Ken Duberstein, attending, along with Gen. Colin Powell, a fund-raiser for Sen. John Warner of Virginia—all Republican moderates of varying degrees. Could Dole have been influenced by Warner, who was on the verge of delivering a stinging defeat to the religious right in his state's Republican primary? Nobody knows.

Dole devours polls and is distressed by his yawning gender gap. Also, with the CNN interview coming the day before his departure from the Senate, he may have been trying to disconnect himself from the party's conservative congressional wing.

Had Dole chosen to test his proposals with advisers before going public, he might have been dissuaded from saying his new position was "non-negotiable." In the democratic evolution of the platform process, Richard Nixon was the last GOP nominee to eschew negotiation. Dole's formulation is particularly inappropriate at a time when his delegates are being replaced by the Christian Coalition's in states from Texas to Massachusetts.

Rep. Henry Hyde, the platform committee chairman, had a friendly, non-confrontational session with Dole last Friday. No agreement was reached, but pro-life sources indicated Hyde and Dole appeared close to a formula for a general declaration of tolerance somewhere in the platform and expressed satisfaction with it. Yet pro-choice Republicans have been spreading the word Dole is inclined to risk the wrath of the Christian Coalition by actually softening the abortion plank. Who can tell?

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## Arab World Democracy bewilders the rulers

BY MARTIN PERETZ

On the eve of last week's Arab summit in Cairo, the Syrian-born poet Nizar Qabbani published a poem in the Arabic daily *Al-Hayat*:

*I am delighted that you have announced your marriage which has been delayed for centuries. Even though you have only agreed to marry after reaching the age of despair.*

*And after your bones have wearied and your powers have waned.*

*We are delighted if you can live under the same roof even for three days.*

*If Benjamin Netanyahu has been able to raise your blood pressure, to light the fire in your nervous system, to change your blood type, a thousand thanks to him.*

*If Benjamin Netanyahu has been able to persuade you of the virtues of marriage, to gather your heads on one pillow, to convince you to sit at one table, to eat from one plate, to drink from one glass, how beautiful is what he has done.*

*If this man has been able to remind you of your identity, of the place and date of your birth, to restore to you your Arab nationality, how beautiful is what he has done.*

*If this man has been able to restore the Arabs to their Arabism, and the children of the stones to their childhood.*

*If he has been able to remind us of our names, and the names of our fathers, and the names of our children.*

*A thousand welcomes to his arrival.*

*Gentlemen, this is the last occasion of love open to you before you become extinct.*

Powerful stuff. Qabbani's is the poetry of one who reviles what he has called the "groveling peace" with Israel, of one who yearns for lost glory. His is a popular voice uttering popular words. But the fierceness of the sentiments does not mask their pathos. The Arab world is a shambles. The enormous wealth transferred to it during the long oil crisis did little to address the region's myriad social ills (overpopulation, urbanization, status of women) and yielded no political transformation. No leader who traveled to Cairo—and not Hosni Mubarak himself—leads a democratic polity.

"Of the 10 countries which lead the world in arms purchases," wrote Edward Said, also in *Al-Hayat*, "seven are Arab. Every Arab citizen has seen the armies and the police forces—Arafat has no fewer than 13 of his own—everywhere

on streets and street corners." To Said, however, what makes such thuggish militarism "border on the comic" is not the suffering it inflicts on Arab populations but that "none of (this)... is used to deter Israel." But this is a question of ability rather than will. While they can still terrorize individual Israelis, the Arab countries are simply no longer capable of deterring Israel. No amount of foreign-bought weaponry can substitute for their technological backwardness. As Ethan Bronner points out in *The Boston Globe*, "Israel, with 5.5 million people, exports industrial goods worth more than the total of all Arab nations, with 200 million people." Which is to say that, with its scientifically literate population and its economy based on high- and bio-technologies, Israel is already deep into the 21st century while its neighbors have not yet experienced the industrial revolution of the 19th.

The reflexive response of the Arab countries to the election of Benjamin Netanyahu was to revert to the forms and vernacular of pan-Arabism. But the exhortations to unity cannot disguise the fact that the Arab countries are more divided than ever, and that a few of their rulers have in their heads, if not always in their hearts, already opted out of the long-running war against the Jews.

Egypt, nostalgic for the days when Gamal Abdel Nasser mesmerized the region with delusional visions of conquest and grandeur, used the summit to anoint itself head of the imaginary Arab nation. But there are limits to how far it will go in this direction, limits set in part by the U.S., which provides Egypt with \$2.1 billion annually. Syria (with docile Lebanon in tow) came to rally the hard-liners for its no-concessions definition of peace with Israel, a strategy without a future, but with supporters such as Warren Christopher and his subaltern Dennis Ross. King Hussein, once again a U.S. ally, came to mend fences with others he had dismayed with his kingdom's pro-Iraq rhetoric during the Gulf War. But he also arrived with the confidence that a Likud government in Jerusalem will prove even more solicitous toward him than was Labor, and also more solicitous of Jordan than of the PLO. And Jordan brought to the meeting its grievance against Syrian-sponsored terrorism, a reminder of Hafez al-Assad's multiple quarrels. Turkey, not present at the conference, was a ghost at its sessions. With territorial ambitions northward, Syria has been dispatching Kurdish terrorists into Turkey and has, in recent weeks, moved 40,000 troops to the border.

Does Assad want to provoke a war? Everyone was asking. The attendees understand that Turkey, being a member of NATO, has a call on

Western defense. Moreover, it now has a defense arrangement with Israel, as well. An Israeli-Turkish axis might one day serve as the basis for a "new Middle East"—albeit not the one bandied about in the State Department.

Then there was Colonel Qaddafi, who arrived if for no other reason than to show that he could. He arrived by air, demonstrating that the U.N.'s sanctions against Libyan flights do not faze him at all. The emir of Bahrain came to receive warrant for his struggle against Shi'a extremists, and the president of Algeria came for blessings on his country's war against Sunni extremists. Saudi Arabia, too shrewd to rev up the anti-Israel engine, but too timid to say "enough," came as well. It also joined the chorus protesting that Bibi's election poses a grave threat to regional stability, a sentiment undermined by this week's tragic evidence of the real danger to Saudi security posed by terrorists.

As with many Arab spectacles, the proximate cause for this one was the plight of the Palestinians. Netanyahu has given notice that he will not be as lax as Shimon Peres had been. This provided the pretext for the extravaganza on the Nile: Israel was reneging on its commitments. A united Arab world would support its Palestinian brothers. Yet Yasir Arafat wandered the halls as mendicant not hero, seeking cash but barely getting audiences with those who still have it. To be sure, the Cairo communique repeated the Palestinian mantras: full sovereignty, Israeli withdrawal to the 1967 boundaries and Arab dominion over East Jerusalem. But these are terms to which Israel, even under Peres's government, had never agreed. Moreover, the warning to Israel to continue the peace process came most loudly from states who have not even joined it themselves.

Democracy bewilders the rulers of the Arab world. Even the youngest of them, Muammar Qaddafi, has been in power for 27 years. They were bewildered when their friend George Bush, the victor in the Gulf war, was defeated in 1992, and with him their greater friend James Baker. When Peres lost, they were also shaken. But Peres's pliancy misled them into thinking that the Israeli electorate was pliant, too. It is not. This is why Netanyahu won. Tough and unrealistic talk will not soften Bibi or the people who elected him, and certainly not tough talk from men whose bones have wearied and whose powers have waned.

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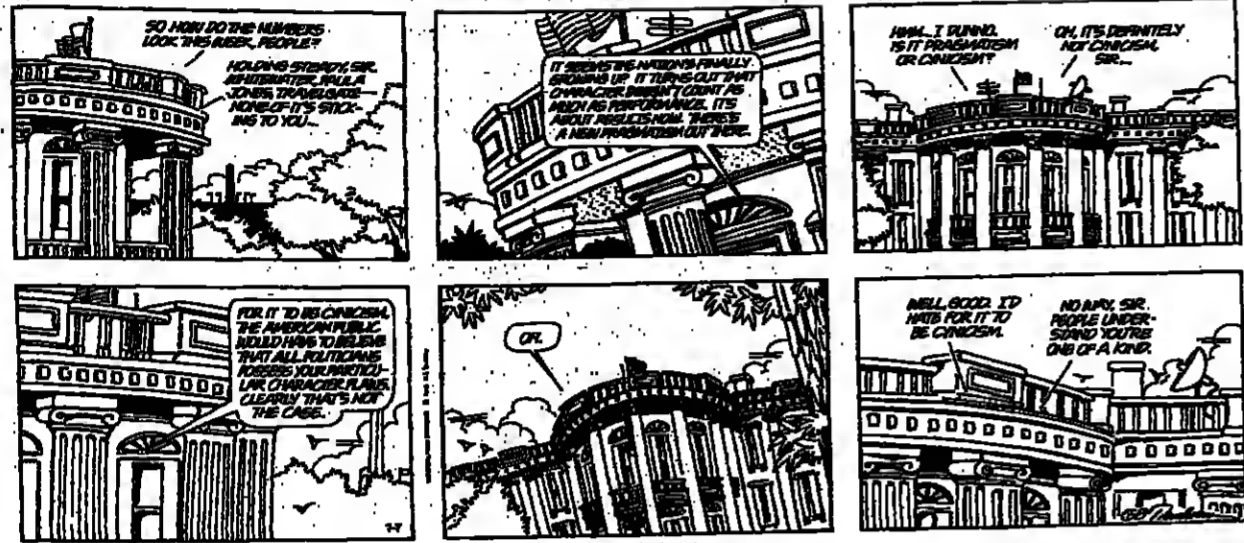




# SUNDAY COMICS

## Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU



## PEANUTS

by SCHULZ



## Sip

By Jeff Meyerson



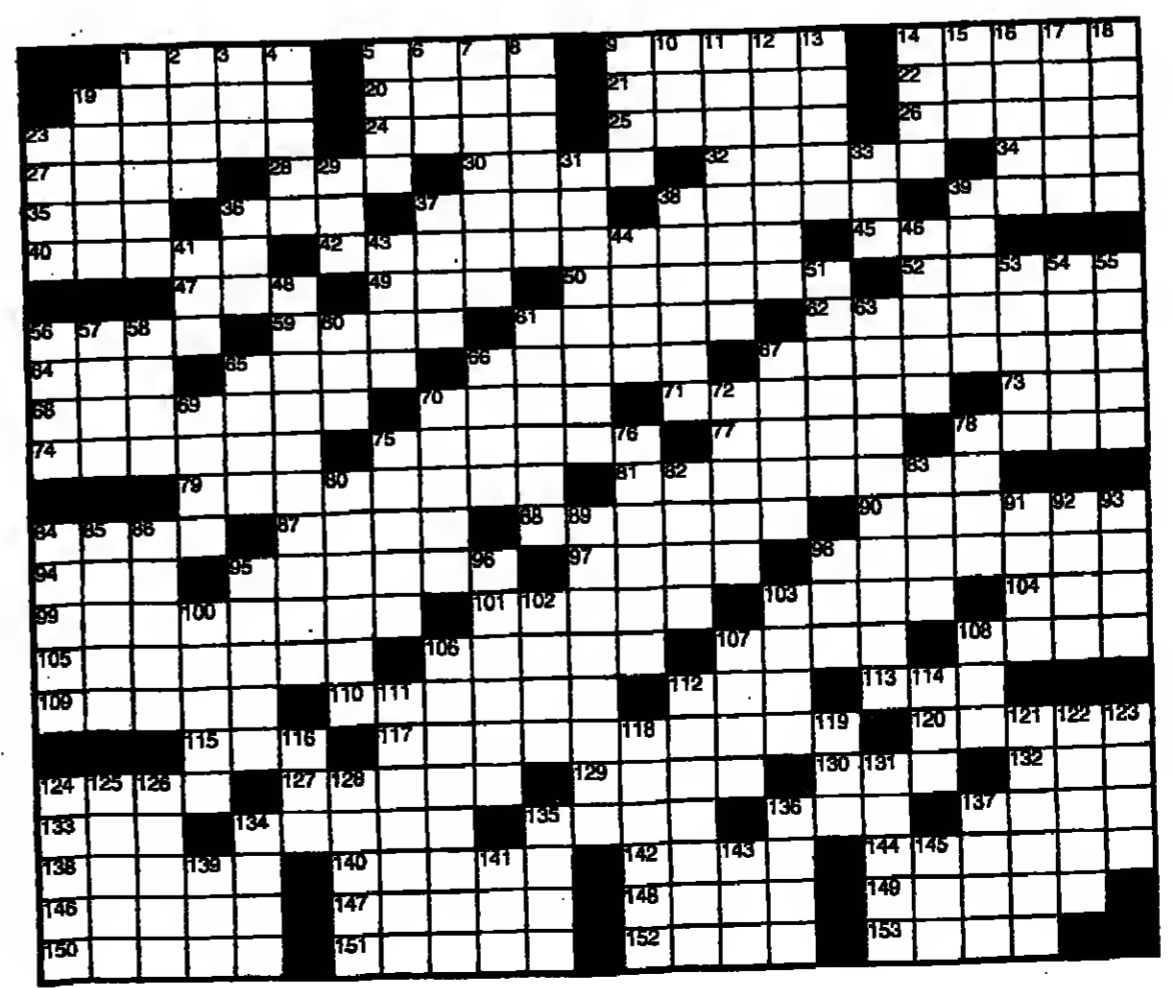
## Calvin and Hobbes

by NEWMAN



## TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Type of cherry
  - 5 Tail
  - 9 Scraggle
  - 14 Disconcert
  - 19 Beeper
  - 20 Gumbo vegetable
  - 21 Purty, plus
  - 22 Chop finely
  - 23 Slightly
  - 24 Prophet
  - 25 Islamic holy city
  - 26 Actress
  - 27 Semanite
  - 28 Mild rebuke
  - 30 Boar or stag
  - 32 Hell
  - 34 Book org.
  - 35 Marsh
  - 36 Children's game
  - 37 Too
  - 38 Candle
  - 39 Chair
  - 40 Make fun of
  - 42 Hall of the earth
  - 43 Obstin
  - 47 Social peac
  - 48 Howard or Silver
  - 50 Sewing-machine name
  - 52 — nova
  - 55 Not up
  - 59 Filament
  - 61 Writer Oscar
  - 62 Green gem
  - 64 Boy
  - 65 Eye part
  - 66 Soup utensil
  - 67 Glazed
  - 68 Threatened
  - 70 Jack rabbit
  - 71 Most and
  - 73 Part of AT&T
  - 74 Flowering shrub
  - 75 Strange one; slang
  - 77 Baghdad's land
  - 78 Excessive publicity
- DOWN**
- 1 Tropical fruit
  - 2 Mr. Stravinsky
  - 3 Mash potato
  - 4 Actress Gerbo
  - 5 Emcee
  - 6 Mame's guy
  - 7 Small gnome
  - 8 Arrow
  - 9 Residence
  - 10 Burrows or Wigoda
  - 11 Give new life to (a battery)
  - 12 On-the-loose convict
  - 13 Civil War general
  - 14 Iowa city
  - 15 Large
  - 16 Address Dickinson
  - 17 Miller's Ln.
  - 18 Afghan city
  - 19 Martinique volcano
  - 20 Footstap
  - 21 Yuck!
  - 22 Out of balance
  - 23 Work unit
  - 24 NO count
  - 27 Cupid
  - 28 Looked after
  - 29 Long-legged bird
  - 41 Down in the dumps
  - 43 Goddess of alcohol
  - 44 Goddess
  - 46 Sate's partner
  - 46 Shabby
  - 51 Annual
  - 53 Like sea water
  - 54 Catch some z's
  - 55 Confound
  - 56 Soprano Gluck
  - 57 Folk singer Joan
  - 58 Author Parker
  - 60 Help
  - 61 "Heat"-raising place
  - 62 Costume party
  - 63 Vibe Muzak
  - 66 Non-clerical
  - 67 Deer — Madam
  - 69 Lotion ingredient
  - 70 Therapist
  - 72 Up and about
  - 73 Outrage
  - 74 Made a speech
  - 78 Rope fiber
  - 80 Nutty contraction
  - 82 British school
  - 83 Vacuum tube; suff.
  - 84 Infield covers
  - 85 Perfect
  - 86 Actress Davis
  - 88 "Jack Sprat" could
  - 91 — turbo
  - 92 Close
  - 93 — Stanley Gardner
  - 95 Denominations
  - 96 Actress Suzanne
  - 98 Press for payment
  - 100 Case
  - 102 At one — swoop
  - 103 Two
  - 105 Concluding section
  - 107 Impolite
  - 108 Actor's signal
  - 111 Kamppala native
  - 112 Florida city
  - 114 Small rug
  - 116 Sheik
  - 118 Status
  - 121 Tail
  - 122 Perfection
  - 123 Pauley seat
  - 124 Bowling unit
  - 125 Established by law
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  - 131 Capital of Jordan
  - 134 Spanish painter
  - 136 Bohemian
  - 138 Diving duck
  - 139 Pond du —, WI
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# Why talk show hosts need a code of ethics

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Recently, I attended the annual convention of the National Association of Talk Show Hosts. I was there to receive their First Amendment Award. It was an odd award because it was shared with the talk show host whom I had called a racist — for which my show was taken off WABC in New York, which is owned by Disney. Subsequently, his show, too, was canceled by WABC. The award committee felt that I deserved the award for exercising my First Amendment right to criticize a fellow talk show host, and that he deserved the award for pushing the envelope in exercising his First Amendment rights. (The head of Disney, Michael Eisner, also received an award for exercising his First Amendment right to fire the other host.)

In accepting my award, I expressed my devotion to the First Amendment and my respect for its untrammelled exercise by talk show hosts. Then I made a controversial proposal, urging the Association of Talk Show Hosts to adopt a Voluntary, Optional Industry Code of Ethics (VOICE) under which the kind of bigotry employed by the other recipient of the award would be condemned. A voluntary code would not involve government censorship. It would emulate the codes already in existence for journalists and others who operate under the First Amendment.

My proposal is based on the assumption that there must be an option between the twin evils of government censorship, on the one hand, and private, silent acquiescence of bigotry on the other. I was given the award for exercising the option of speaking out against a fellow talk show host, and I paid a price, by having my show taken off a station in New York (it has since been picked up by another New York station, but not live). No one should have to pay such a price for exposing bigotry. A voluntary code of ethics would empower the vast majority of reasonable talk show hosts to disassociate themselves from the small minority who drag the entire profession into the muck of racism, sexism, homophobia, anti-Catholicism and anti-Semitism.

This is our-and-out bigotry of the sort with which I and most of my fellow talk show hosts do not want to be associated, any more than we want to be associated with talk show hosts who regularly call African-Americans "savages" and who urge the shooting of homosexuals. Anyone has the right under our Constitution to make these kinds of bigoted statements and many do in bars, around water coolers and in the privacy of their homes. But when this kind of bigotry is engaged in by talk show hosts on commercially sponsored radio programs, they become legitimated. Once legitimated, they need not be whispered in shame and they become part of the acceptable vocabulary and attitude of many Americans.

Normally, the marketplace of ideas regulates such despicable views by rejecting them. But there is no market regulation of talk show hosts because a "Gresham's Law" operates, under which the lowest quickly becomes a norm. Nor should the government be in the business of regulating objectionable speech, even on the publicly owned airwaves. Every profession engages in some sort of peer review and internal regulation. Talk show hosts should be no exception. The public and the advertisers are entitled to know what most talk show hosts think is unacceptable bigotry. The vast majority of talk show hosts at the convention applauded when I condemned invidious generalizations based on race, religion, gender and sexual orientation. A voluntary code of ethics — enforced with no other sanction but shame — will build a fence around the First Amendment by denying the government an excuse for regulation. It will also build a wall separating the small number of talk show hosts who rely on bigotry from the rest of us who can make our point without resorting to racism, sexism and homophobia.

It is precisely because talk show hosts all have First Amendment rights, that we have no excuse to remain silent when our colleagues use the airwaves to legitimize the kind of hate and bigotry that many of us have worked so long and hard to make illegitimate in America.

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# The end of obscenity

BY JEFFREY ROSEN

On June 11, three judges in Philadelphia struck down parts of the Communications Decency Act. The decision, *ACLU v. Reno*, is being justly celebrated as the *New York Times v. Sullivan* of cyberspace, an occasion for dancing in the char rooms. The three judges understood how the old First Amendment battles are being overtaken by new technologies; and in an endearingly self-dramatizing touch, they had their separate opinions distributed on floppy disks. But for all their sophistication about the technical difficulties of regulating free speech in cyberspace, the judges were forced by the Supreme Court's archaic obscenity doctrine to rely on an implausible premise: that it's possible to distinguish obscenity (which can be banned) from indecency (which must be protected) in an age when cyberspace has made the notion of local community standards increasingly untenable.

The best of the three *Reno* opinions was written by federal district judge Stewart Dalzell, who concluded that the Internet, like the printing press, should be entitled to the highest level of First Amendment protection. This represents a welcome break with the American judicial tradition of underestimating the social significance of new media. When the telegraph and telephone emerged in the 19th century, they were viewed as vehicles of transportation, like the railroads, rather than vehicles of expression, and were regulated without concern for the First Amendment. When radio and television began to flourish, judges allowed Congress to regulate them as public utilities, because of the limited spectrum of available channels.

Judge Dalzell concluded that the Internet is entitled to at least as much protection as traditional print media, if not more, because it realizes the goals of the First Amendment even more completely. The new cyberspace technologies are reducing the costs of entry for both speakers and listeners and creating relative equality among them. As a result, Dalzell noted, in cyberspace, even more than in newspapers and magazines, "astoundingly diverse content is available," fulfilling Justice Holmes' romantic metaphor of a perfectly deregulated marketplace of ideas.

Judge Dalzell's greatest contribution was to recognize the decentralized chaos of the Internet as a central First Amendment value. Since the 1920s, leading free speech theorists, from Walter Lippmann to Robert Bork, have emphasized the communal value of civic debate about "matters of public importance" and have

downplayed the competing libertarian value of individual self-expression. This communitarian tradition has been invoked to justify all sorts of censorship of purportedly "worthless" speech, from anarchist polemics during World War I to racial epithets today. Dalzell, by contrast, celebrated the fact that, in cyberspace, the lack of a centralized censoring authority means that decisions about what speech is valuable and what is worthless are left in the hands of individual speakers and listeners.

By purporting to regulate "indecent" speech, as measured by "contemporary community standards," Judge Dalzell concluded, the Communications Decency Act threatens the very chaos that represents the Internet's greatest strength. Because there's no technologically feasible way to limit the geographic scope of every Internet "speaker," and no economically feasible way to screen the location and age of each potential "listener," everyone runs the risk that his speech will be found "indecent" or "patently offensive" in some community he had no intention of entering. Graphic language "routinely acceptable in New York City," such as Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, might be actionable if downloaded in Tennessee. All three judges concluded, therefore, that the "indecency" standard was too subjective to give citizens fair notice of what speech might be illegal.

But isn't the federal obscenity standard vulnerable to precisely the same objections? "The Government can continue to protect children from pornography on the Internet through vigorous enforcement of existing laws criminalizing obscenity and child pornography," Judge Dalzell declared. But Dalzell's own reasoning calls the distinction between indecency and obscenity into question. If indecency can't be coherently defined, because of the elasticity of "community standards," defining obscenity is even harder.

Dalzell points approvingly to the only federal Internet obscenity conviction, *United States v. Thomas*, affirmed by an appellate court last year. The images in question were uploaded by Robert and Carleen Thomas, the mom-and-pop proprietors of the *Amateur Action Bulletin Board* in Milpitas, Calif., and were downloaded in the heart of the Bible Belt in Memphis, Tenn. The Thomases claimed they were entrapped by a governmental postal inspector, who intentionally chose to download the pictures in Memphis to take advantage of Tennessee's conservative community standards. But the *Thomas* case confirms Dalzell's most powerful insight: In an age when cyberspace has broken down physical boundaries, it makes little sense to allow the morals of a geographic community dictate what is acceptable for a vir-

tual community of consenting adults.

Dalzell's Maginot line between indecency and obscenity is being threatened by cultural changes, too: In 1973, when the Supreme Court declared that obscenity should be judged by local rather than national community standards, there was an informal consensus that hard-core material could be banned, while soft-core material had to be protected. (Justice Potter Stewart was said to be guided by a droop test.) A decade later, however, this consensus broke down entirely.

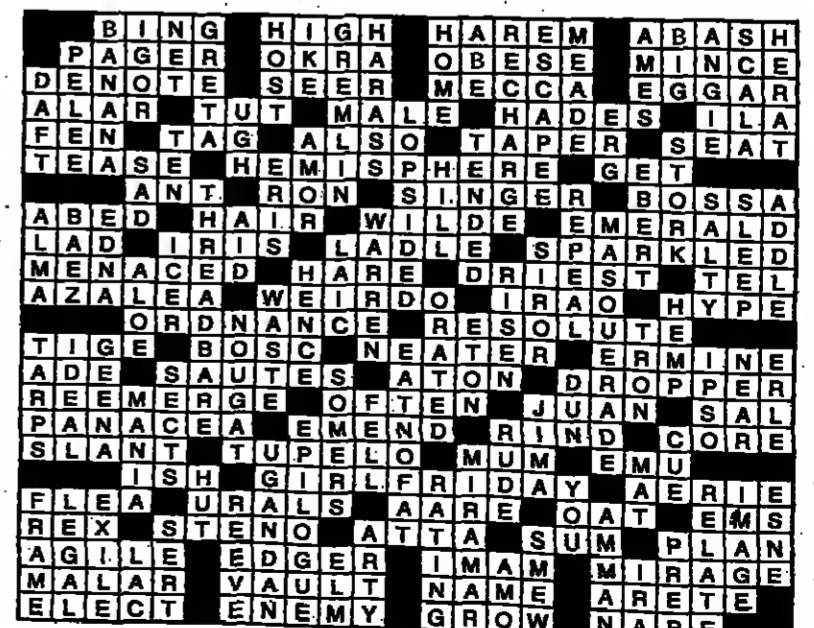
Exactly a century ago, in upholding an obscenity conviction called *Rosen v. U.S.* (no relation), Justice John Harlan announced that "every user of the mail must take notice of what is meant by decency, purity, and chastity in social life and what is deemed obscene, lewd, and lascivious." The defendant, Lew Rosen, mailed nude pictures tantalizingly covered with "lamp black" that readers could rub off with pieces of bread. Today, by contrast, it's absurd to expect each of the millions of speakers on the Internet to try to predict the moral sensibilities of the thousands of geographic communities that their words and pictures may enter without their knowledge or consent. The Philadelphia judges deserve credit for enumerating the ways that the Emersonian individualism of cyberspace threatens the integrity of geographic communities. But they were too quick to deny the radical implication of their own insight: Traditional definitions of obscenity will have to be reconsidered as well.

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# The uphill struggle of Romania's Jewish immigrants

THERE AND THEN  
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ROMANIA is proud of its Latin-based language, French acculturation, Balkan landscapes, and unfettered mind. But its treatment of Jewish immigrants from Poland and Russia left a lot to be desired. Just freed from centuries-long Moslem domination, the combined Wallachia and Moldavia was a rough country when it gained independence in 1861.

Murders occur daily, and nightly, reported the writer Peretz Smolenskin when he visited the country on behalf of the Alliance Israelite Universelle. The poet Mahalal (Gottlober) described the people as "boorish" and "blind." And the itinerant singer Velvel Zborsher (Benjamin Ehrenkrantz) maintained that the story of Romania was "the shame of the world" and its people "base" and "perverted."

Yet more and more newcomers tried to settle in the country, which apparently offered better chances of survival for sharp-minded people than did the regimes north of its borders.

Avraham B. Yoffe, the literary editor of the defunct daily *Al Hamishmar*, has sketched the biographies of some 250 Jewish writers and poets who, between 1880 and 1940, did their best to integrate into Romanian letters, in *Bisdot Zarim* ("In Foreign Pastures," published by the Goldstein-Goren Center for the History of the Jews in Romania at the Tel Aviv University, 458 pp).

Their was an uphill struggle in a society which didn't want them. Many gave up and emigrated, but even they remained fascinated with, and continued to cherish, the Romanian language.

Yaffe writes of Clilbi Moise, an illiterate peddler who was eloquent in selling his goods in markets. He employed some sort of a secretary who noted down Clilbi's utterances; they were published 13 years after the author's death. But the typical immigrant, literate or not, was not interested in the language of his adopted country. They usually changed their names to sound more Romanian.

Aron Blumenfeld, a native of Polish Galicia, wrote under the pen name of Ronenti Roman. His play about three generations of Jewish immigrants who finally decide to cross the religious line separating them from the native Romanians was fiercely criticized, by Jews and ethnic Romanians alike. Ronenti hoped that liberalism would finally establish itself in Romania. He died of a heart attack on learning that the farming estate he managed had been burned down by rebellious peasants.

MOSES GASTER was of a totally different genre. He was born in Bucharest in 1856, where his father, a scion of an old Dutch-Jewish family, served as Dutch consul. After graduating from the German University in Breslau, Gaster applied himself to writing about the origins of popular Romanian literature which, he claimed, proved that Romania



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was culturally on a par with any other European nation.

Gaster's work was appreciated; but he was eventually expelled from Romania after he complained that the country was not complying with international treaties assuring equal rights to its Jewish citizens.

He moved to London, where he was appointed Sephardi chief rabbi, and where he cultivated his friendship with top Zionist leaders including Theodor Herzl and Chaim Weizmann. But he never wearied of studying Romanian language and literature.

Tristan Tzara, a founding father of the Dada art movement, is probably the most famous of the Jewish-Romanian writers who left their imprint on the European intellectual scene. Born Samuel Rosenstock, he published his first poems under the pen name S. Samiru. Having attended a French-language school in Bucharest, he published a review called *Simbolul* ("The Symbol"), with his friend the artist Marcel Janu, while reading philosophy and mathematics at Bucharest University.

In 1915 his parents dispatched him to Zurich where, they vainly hoped, he would be cured of his bohemian leanings, and where he would be beyond the call of Romanian military service. Tzara later claimed that he had "forgotten" Romanian - he wrote only in French. He never referred to Jewish themes, and even the Holocaust he mentioned only once, when discussing the work

of an artist who perished in a Nazi camp.

Tragedy pursued another exile to France: Benjamin Fundoianu, born Wexler. As a child he attended a traditional Jewish school before joining a regular Romanian school. He began publishing poems at the age of 14.

Fundoianu angered Romanian literary critics when, on publishing his first volume of verse, in 1921, he claimed Romanian literature was nothing but a poor relation of the French. To achieve clan and influence, Romanian poets should write in French, Fundoianu argued. Two years later he emigrated to France.

Paris was hardly stunned by the new arrival, though he changed his name to Fondane. He led a pathetic existence in the French capital, slowly winning a place among French intellectuals. All his life he felt a stranger - a damnable condition, he asserted. "May the exile stop in a strange country!" he wrote. For a man is a stranger anywhere he turns in this voracious and carnivorous land.

He was drafted into the army, taken prisoner, and released after the armistice, whereupon took residence under a new name in a new locality. But he would visit his old apartment once in a while. A neighbor denounced him to the police and he was taken to Drancy, and then to Auschwitz. He was killed by the Nazis a few days before the camp was liberated by the Russian army.

IGOR Stolyarov of St. Petersburg's Human Brain Institute taps his forehead with his finger. "Our brains are all we have," he says.

He isn't referring to his speciality in the neuro-immunology laboratory of the Russian Academy of Sciences, but about the way scientists in Russia's second city are having to use their heads to supplement their meager incomes in an exodus that is draining the vaunted state-run academy of its human and financial resources.

The former tsarist capital on the Baltic is the birthplace of the Academy of Sciences, a world-renowned brains trust, and still styles itself Russia's intellectual nerve center.

But the academy's hallowed halls are emptying fast. Staff estimate three-quarters of scientists employed by the academy or in other government research institutes have outside jobs.

Stolyarov, who works in one of the academy's most prestigious institutes, moonlights as director of the Center for the Brain and Immunity, a private health business conveniently located on the same premises as his department.

"All the scientists with contacts abroad are gone," says Sergei Afanasyev, 43, a mathematician who works part-time as a programmer for Swiss computer firm Star.

"The rest of us are paid less than \$100 a month and we wait more than three months for our [academy] salary," he says. "You have to have

several jobs." The Academy of Sciences officially bars its scientists from seeking outside employment. But it often looks the other way.

"It's difficult to exist on what we make, and we're getting fewer funds for research," said Eduard Tropp, physicist and head of research in the St. Petersburg section of the academy. "So we begin to use our talents privately." He shrugs sadly.

The exodus is threatening projects, as researchers spend more time and effort outside the laboratory. Some private ventures drain the academy of more than its brainpower. Stolyarov's Brain and Immunity Center, short of resources itself, uses academy equipment and facilities instead.

The center operates quietly within the academy's Human Brain Institute, near where physiologist Ivan Pavlov conducted his Nobel Prize-winning behavioral studies on dogs in the 1890s.

Using the academy's \$10 million Positron Emission Tomography (PET) equipment, Stolyarov and 100 colleagues offer patients services that include neurological scans, at 600,000 roubles (\$120) each.

"We give 90 percent to the academy, and allocate the rest to our researchers. They have to eat," Stolyarov says. In a good month he and his staff make five times their state salaries.

The fee is a departure from the Russian system of free medical care but is still too low for any but state-

supported institutions to charge. Maintaining the PET unit alone costs \$100,000 per year.

"The academy doesn't give money but it gives freedom. The less money they pay the more freedom we get," Stolyarov says. "The academy is afraid of losing scientists."

OTHER RESEARCHERS try to sell their ideas abroad.

Nauka-Service (Science Service) is a small private consultancy that offers would-be scientific entrepreneurs advice and, if they show promise, can open up access to capital.

The firm was set up in 1989 by 15 scientists and economists to introduce Russian researchers to the mysteries of the marketplace.

"St. Petersburg was supposed to be a city with huge scientific potential. In 1989 we thought we could provide the whole world with our scientific ideas," says Nauka-Service general manager Alexander Belov. "Now we see that we need concrete products for concrete consumers."

It refers promising companies - those which already have sales of \$300,000 or more - to the Russian Technology Fund, a venture-capital fund managed by Top Technology Ltd. in London, and the Finnish National Fund for Research and Development.

The \$13m. pool is provided by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), which contributed 30%, and the World

Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC), which put in 20%, and private investors.

Russian investors contributed \$200,000 of the total.

The fund recently made its first loan, of \$500,000, to TEKRA, a firm founded by former government nuclear researchers.

It produces electronic beam accelerators used in food sterilization, vapor-free painting processes and the production of thermal shrinkable plastics.

"I have more hope ... scientists are transforming their psychology, recovering from academic thought," says Alexei Vlasov, an academy-trained biotechnologist and Nauka-Service's business-oriented marketing director, who reviews the deals.

But for every TEKRA, there are hundreds of concepts that remain, as Belov puts it, "on paper."

Nauka-Service's database contains more than 1,000 ideas, from environmental clean-up equipment to a faster moped. But most are doomed, due to a lack of money and the inability of their creators to turn from researchers to marketers.

Scientists must pass the first early stage in which they found a company and make the products. Then they have the opportunity to help," Belov says.

But scientists keep trying and say they have no choice. "The Academy of Sciences was one of the most conservative institutions [in Soviet] society," says Belov. "Scientists wouldn't do this unless they were starving." (Reuter)

# Russia's scientists struggle to adapt or starve

# Parents turn violent in UK

THEY wait at the school gates most afternoons, seemingly harmless but pent up with fury. Fiercely protective of their own and ready to take the law into their hands, they are increasingly feared by teachers already struggling to keep order in the classroom. They are parents.

An average of one secondary school head in Britain is assaulted every week by the father or mother of a pupil, according to the Secondary Heads Association. The National Association of Headteachers disclosed at its recent annual conference that attacks on heads by parents, already dubbed "school rage," had increased by almost 50 percent over the past four years, and its members were almost twice as likely to be attacked by a parent as a child.

Dossiers detailing cases in which parents have taken direct action - most often by assaulting teachers whom their children have falsely accused of meeting out unjust punishments - are expanding at an alarming rate. Head teachers are increasingly drawn into the line of fire by other teachers demanding protection from truculent fathers or fuming mothers.

"One of our members has received death threats," says Russell Clark, deputy general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association. A survey of more than 1,000 teachers in Manchester found that nearly a third had been threatened by parents and one in five worked in a school where parents had been banned from the premises by a court order.

A growing number of cases are ending up in court but, to the frustration of the teachers involved, the children of violent parents are rarely removed from the school. One Hampshire teacher whose face was gashed by the mother of a 13-year-old boy said: "Despite the fact that this woman was fined £50 [NIS 250] by the local magistrates for the attack, her son is still at the school. She stormed into my classroom, shouting hysterically. Then she flew at me, clawing at me with her fingernails for two or three minutes, and I saw blood all over my shirt. I am extremely traumatized. I cannot sleep and every time someone comes into my class, I jump a mile. Other teachers at the school are worried that she might come back and do the same to them."

HART IS clear in apportioning the blame: "Parents are too indulgent. They indulge their children and too often get into the habit of believing that their child is never at fault - it must be another child or the school."

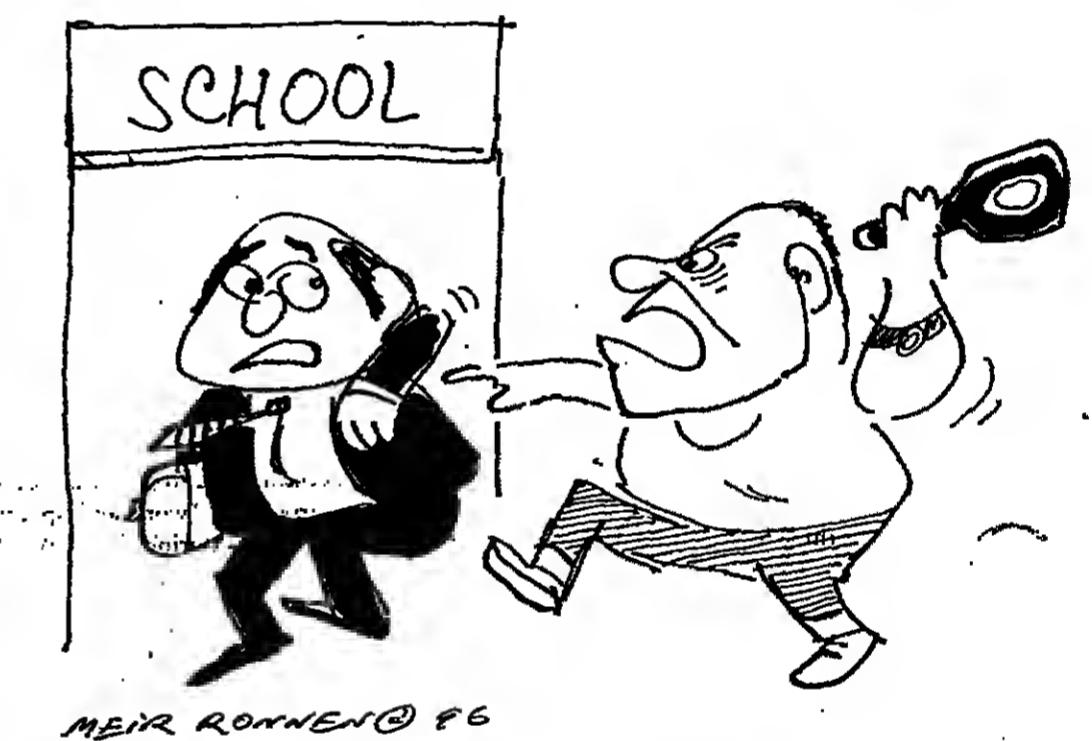
But if the aura of authority that once surrounded teachers has faded, they are in part to blame. It was an earlier generation of teachers who, over previous decades, encouraged their pupils to question authority and discipline. Now those pupils are parents themselves and a growing number appear to be talking out their frustrations on a school system they feel failed them and is now failing their children.

The government has been instrumental in reinforcing the belief of parents that they can, and indeed should, challenge schools. Ministers have emphasized the theme of "parent power." The parent is no longer the passive recipient of the largesse of the state but a consumer.

Whatever the explanation for "school rage," solutions remain elusive. Hart's proposal that schools should expel the children of violent parents has won only muted applause.

Clarke says it would be unjust and counterproductive to visit the sins of parents on children. "It is worrying to think that a child's education could be affected because he or she has ga-ga parents," he says. "We cannot allow youngsters to go without an effective education or we are storing up more trouble. These children are the parents of the future."

Contracts between parents and schools spelling out the legal rights and responsibilities of each would



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Educationalists point out that beating up teachers is an example of lawlessness in society. "It is symptomatic of people turning to violence as a first resort," says David Hart, general secretary of Britain's National Association of Headteachers. And, with schools expelling growing numbers of disruptive pupils, the potential for friction between heads and parents is climbing. Less articulate parents, many of whom feel more comfortable settling disputes with knuckles than tribunals, feel intimidated by what they see as the "middle class" appeal procedures set up by local authorities to provide them with a legal redress.

But parental violence in the classroom crosses a more fundamental line. A decade ago, parents generally assumed that the teacher was in the right and the child in the wrong; nowadays, the reverse is increasingly true.

Contracts between parents and schools spelling out the legal rights and responsibilities of each would

also have a limited impact, he believes. "While good in principle, they would only give schools grounds for a civil action, which is a very lengthy process," he says. "The minority who are liable to become troublesome are unlikely to be deterred by a contract."

Requiring violent parents to attend parenting classes or "anger control" groups is another popular suggestion, but there is little evidence that these would prove effective. A 27-year-old mother, Tracie Taylor, ordered by magistrates in Great Yarmouth, in eastern England, last year to attend an anger control group after beating up her son's teacher, emerged from court displaying few signs of remorse. Her brief comment was: "I should have done the headmistress as well." (The Sunday Telegraph)

# Pets dread a trip to the dentist

HEADS 'N' TAILS  
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

ALTHOUGH cats and dogs generally have strong, healthy teeth, a modern diet does seem to contribute to dental problems, as it does with humans. In dogs the commonest cause of halitosis - of which many owners complain - is gum disease. Of course if an animal has a broken tooth or an abscess it should be taken to a vet. But the most frequent problem in both dogs and cats is the accumulation of plaque on the teeth.

Giving dogs large bones such as shank bones to chew on helps prevent plaque, which, it seems, is brought on by the softer, modern kibbles etc. This should be removed using a scaler in the same way that the dentist uses one on humans.

There is, however, one big difference. Whereas humans usually cooperate with the dentist, dogs and cats take an even dimmer view of the proceedings than do we and in most cases must be either heavily tranquilized or anesthetized. Unfortunately all anesthetics are accompanied by some danger. This is true whether the patient is an animal or a human and whether the anesthesia is given for major surgery or something as simple as teeth-cleaning.

In some very rare instances anesthetics can be fatal. Sometimes this



Animals sometimes react to drugs, but that's not a reason to shun proper veterinary care. (Gideon Markovitz/IFPA)

is due to some undetected problem with heart, lungs or circulation; very rarely is it a case of wrong administration. But it is important to keep this in mind when choosing a vet.

It is quite impossible for one person to both operate on the animal and monitor the anesthesia at the same time, so choose a surgeon who works with an assistant who keeps track of what is going on with the animal as to heart rate, breathing, and sometimes blood pressure.

Like people, animals are highly individualistic. They sometimes have drug reactions ranging from mild sneezing or skin rashes to fatal cases of anaphylactic shock. These events cannot, in most cases, be foreseen in animals any more than in humans. None the less, your animal has a far greater chance of suffering an accident in the home or on the street than it has of suffering from a medical accident so there is no reason to shun proper veterinary care.

By and large we need to apply similar criteria to animals as to ourselves. We get the best care available and then hope for the best.

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# Russia's Berzin in control as Indurain falters

ARCIS, France (Reuter) - Yevgeny Berzin confirmed he was the great hope of world cycling yesterday as he took command in the Tour de France after an extraordinary seventh stage in the Alps marked by a rare setback for Miguel Indurain.

Berzin followed the pace all through the day's grueling, 199-km ride from Chambéry to become the first Russian to take the coveted yellow jersey and establish himself as a strong candidate for final victory.

The stage was won by former world champion Luc Leblanc of France, who made his move with eight kms remaining in the punishing climb to the ski resort of Les Arcs.

Veteran Swiss Tony Rominger was second place 47 seconds back and young Austrian Peter Luttenberger third a further five seconds behind.

Berzin ended the stage in 11th place, four seconds after Luttenberger, to take the overall lead from Frenchman Stephane Heulot, who retired with 37 kms remaining.

In the overall standings, Berzin now has a slender lead of less than a second over world champion Abraham Olano of Spain, who ended the stage in sixth place in the same group as the Russian.

The two will battle it out with Rominger, third overall and seven seconds back, over today's uphill, 30.5-km time-trial from Bourg-Saint-Maurice to Val d'Isère.

Five times Tour winner Indurain looked almost effortless in the Madeleine pass, reaching the summit in second place behind Frenchman Richard Virenque.

The Spaniard was equally impressive in the Cornet de Roseland, coolly letting German Udo Boltz try his luck.

But in the final climb to Les Arcs, the Spaniard experienced one of his worst moments on the Tour, an event in which he has often been in a class of his own since his first win in 1991.

Indurain was in a small group chasing Leblanc when he suddenly became unable to follow the pace. He lost considerable ground, accepted a feeding bottle, which could cost him a penalty, and eventually crossed the line in 16th position, four minutes and 19 seconds behind Leblanc.

On Friday, Dutchman Michael Boogerd braved torrential rain and violent winds to claim the sixth stage.

Boogerd escaped as the riders entered Aix-les-Bains at the end of the day's 207-km ride from Arc-et-Senans.

# Stairs ties record for RBIs per inning

OAKLAND (AP) - Matt Stairs, promoted from the minors a day earlier, tied a major league record Friday with six RBIs during a 13-run first inning that sent the Oakland Athletics over the California Angels 16-8.

Oakland set a team record for runs in an inning, combining nine hits - including a grand slam and two-run single by Stairs - and five walks while sending 18 batters to the plate.

The A's struck after the Angels scored three times in the top of the first. Oakland and California combined to set a modern major league record for most runs in a first inning.

A crowd of 36,129, the first sell-out of the season at the Coliseum, showed up on Fireworks Night and saw Oakland post the biggest first inning in the majors since May 21, 1952, when Brooklyn scored 15 against Cincinnati. It was the biggest first inning in the AL since Cleveland scored 14 against the Philadelphia A's on June 18, 1950.

The record for runs in an inning is 17, set by Boston against Detroit in 1953.

Stairs' slam came against Ryan Hancock (4-1), who faced 10 batters and allowed eight runs on five hits and two walks. Reliever Brad Pennington walked all three batters he faced, and Jim Abbou gave up hits to the first four batters he faced - including Stairs' single - before retiring Mike Bordick on a fly ball to end the inning.

Stairs became the 12th player in major league history to drive in six runs in an inning. Boston's Carlos Quintana was the last to do it on July 30, 1991.

John Wasdin (6-2) pitched seven innings to pick up the victory.

White Sox 7, Indians 0

Wilson Alvarez (10-4) won for the eighth time in 11 starts and visiting Chicago shaved another game off Cleveland's lead in the AL Central.

The White Sox trail Cleveland by two games after becoming the first team to shut out the Indians this season. Cleveland was the only club in the majors that had not been blanked.

Alvarez allowed five hits in eight innings, and Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth.

Orel Hershiser (9-5), who had won his five previous starts, gave up two runs - one earned - and 11 hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Yankees 12, Brewers 3

In New York, Mike Aldrete, possibly Strawberry-bound when Darryl Strawberry joins the Yankees, went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs.

Aldrete hit a two-run homer during a four-run fourth inning that helped a shaky Dwight Gooden (8-4) improve to 8-1 in

his last 12 starts. He gave up one run and five hits in five innings, walked three and hit two batters.

Ricky Bones (6-10) was tagged for six runs and nine hits in six-plus innings.

Tigers 4, Blue Jays 3

Bobby Higginson hit a two-run homer in a four-run fourth inning and host Detroit matched a season high with its third straight victory.

A.J. Sager (1-1) got into trouble early, but limited the damage caused by six walks in the first four innings. He gave up one run and five hits in six innings but got help from Toronto, which stranded 14 runners in the game.

Erik Hanson (8-10) allowed four runs, six hits and five walks in six innings.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

Aaron Sele earned his first victory since May 19, and Jose Malave and Jose Canseco both hit three-run homers.

Sele (3-5) gave up four hits, struck out five and walked three in 7 2/3 innings. Mike Stanton got the final out in the eighth and Heathcliff Slocumb worked the ninth.

David Wells (5-8) allowed nine hits in eight-plus innings, and fell to 4-13 against the Red Sox.

Mariners 6, Rangers 3

Sterling Hitchcock matched his career high with nine strikeouts and won for the fifth time in his last six decisions.

Hitchcock (8-3) allowed six hits and walked two in 8 1/3 innings and Mike Jackson finished.

Bobby Witt (7-8) gave up six runs and 14 hits while losing for the fourth time in five starts. He struck out eight and walked three in eight-plus innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets 9, Expos 6

Carl Everett singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, sending the visiting Mets to their third straight win.

Expos starter Pedro Martinez, 8-0 lifetime against the Mets, took a 6-2 lead into the seventh. He left during a four-run rally that tied the score.

Butch Huskey doubled off Tim Scott (2-4) to open the Mets eighth and pinch-hitter Chris Jones singled.

Everett, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the seventh, hit an RBI single and Lance Johnson, followed with a two-run single.

Jerry DiPoto (3-1) pitched one inning for the win. John Franco worked the ninth for his 19th save.

Reds 3, Cubs 0

Barry Larkin homered twice off All-Star selection Steve Trachsel to back the strong pitching of Dave Burba as visiting Cincinnati won.

Burba (3-9) allowed only four hits in seven-plus innings - three

by Tyler Houston - and walked one with three strikeouts. Since starting the season 0-8, Burba has won three of his last four decisions.

Jeff Branson also homered off Trachsel (7-5), whose three hits allowed in six innings were all solo home runs. Trachsel, who had won four straight decisions, blanked the Reds for 13 innings in two previous starts this season.

Padres 7, Giants 6

Pinch-hitter Brian Johnson singled home the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning, and host San Diego won its seventh straight over San Francisco.

Rickey Henderson doubled off Jose Bautista (1-1) leading off the 11th and Steve Finley was walked intentionally with one out. Rod Beck relieved and struck out Ken Caminiti, and Johnson's single to left scored Henderson, who slid home ahead of Barry Bonds' throw.

Sean Bergman (4-7) pitched two hitless innings for the victory.

Cardinals 7, Pirates 4

Gary Gaetti drove in three runs and the St. Louis Cardinals roughed up Zane Smith for the second time in six days, continuing their domination of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Brian Jordan had a two-run single in the fourth inning, giving him six RBIs in two days, as St. Louis scored all of its runs with two outs.

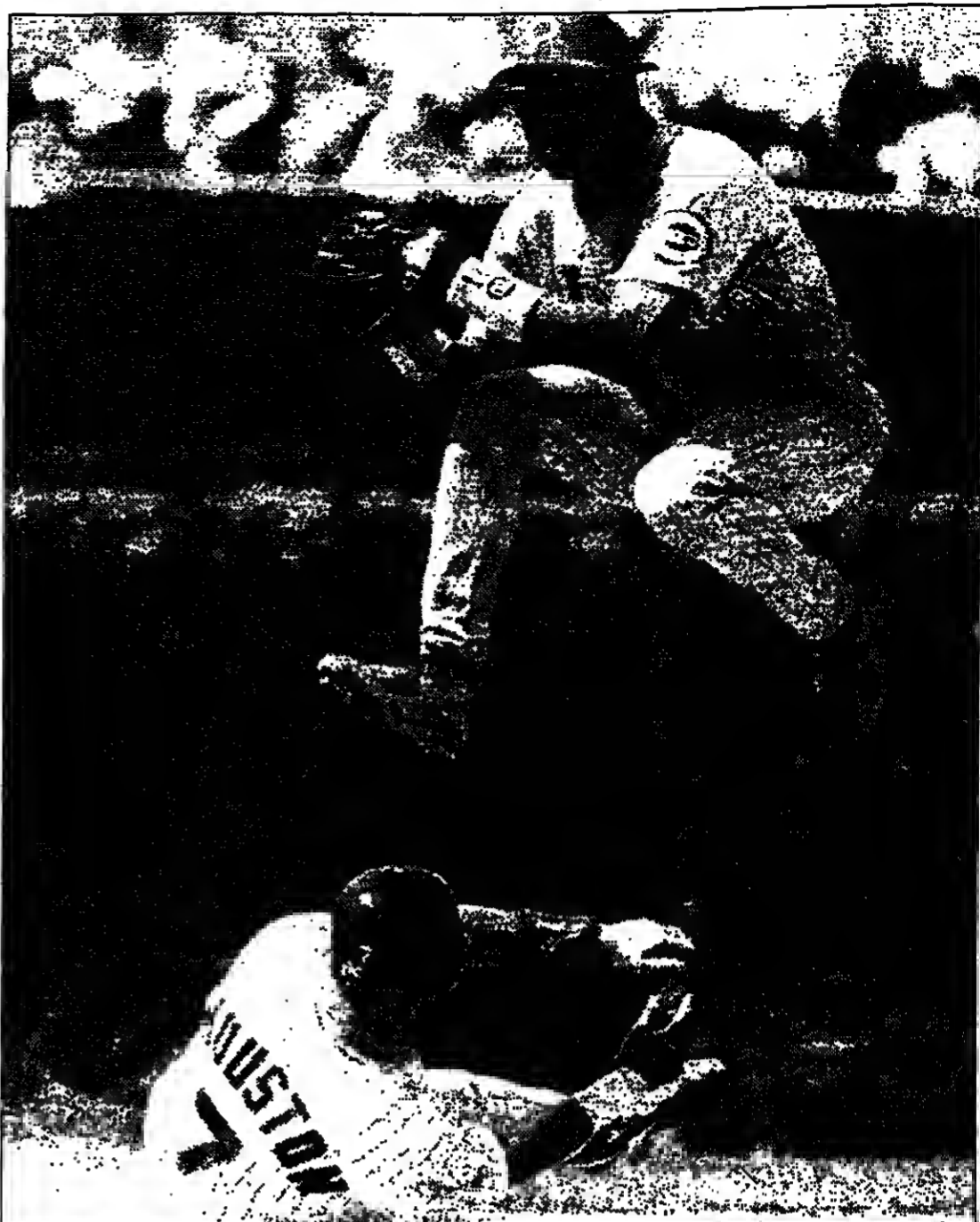
The Cardinals have won five straight against the Pirates over the last eight days, outscoring them 24-8 over the last three. St. Louis is 7-2 against Pittsburgh this season.

Todd Stottlemyre (8-6) out-pitched Smith just as he did in the Cardinals' 10-3 victory last Sunday, limiting them to three hits until Orlando Merced hit a two-run homer and Mark Johnson hit a solo drive in the sixth. Johnson added a solo shot, his seventh, in the eighth off Rick Honeycutt.

Phillies 7, Marlins 4

Todd Zeile hit a two-run single in a six-run seventh inning as the Phillies extended Florida's losing streak to six.

Philadelphia had 14 hits - all singles - in sending Florida to its eighth consecutive road loss. The



TWO DOWN - Reds' shortstop Barry Larkin throws into a double play as Chicago's Tyler Houston is unable to break it up.

(Reuter)

Phillies, who entered the game as the NL's weakest-hitting team, have 41 hits in their last three games.

Before a fireworks night crowd of 46,872, the largest of the season at Veterans Stadium, the Phillies sent 12 batters to the plate in the seventh after the Marlins had taken a 2-1 lead in the top half.

Kurt Miller (1-1), who took over for John Burkett, gave up four hits and five runs in one-third of an inning.

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away			
New York	51	32	.614	-	2-9-2	Won 4	26-14	22-18		
Baltimore	45	38	.542	8	5-5	Lost 1	25-19	20-20		
Toronto	37	46	.445	16	2-9-7	Lost 2	19-22	15-26		
Boston	35	48	.422	18	5-5	Won 1	22-19	13-29		
Detroit	26	60	.302	26 1/2	2-5-5	Won 3	15-26	11-34		
Central Division										
Cleveland	61	34	.600	-	4-6	Lost 2	26-18	25-19		
Chicago	49	36	.576	2	2-4-4	Won 2	27-15	22-21		
Milwaukee	42	42	.500	8 1/2	5-5	Lost 3	21-19	21-23		
Minnesota	41	43	.488	9 1/2	5-5	Won 1	22-22	19-21		
Kansas City	36	50	.419	15 1/2	2-4-6	Lost 6	25-17	15-27		
West Division										
Texas	50	35	.588	-	2-5-5	Lost 2	31-14	19-21		
Seattle	45	38	.542	4	9-4	Won 3	23-21	22-17		
California	42	44	.489	8 1/2	2-8	Lost 3	27-17	15-27		
Oakland	42	44	.488	8 1/2	7-3	Won 2	18-21	24-23		

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
East Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away			
Atlanta	52	33	.612	0 1/2	4-6	Lost 2	31-17	21-16		
Montreal	48	37	.565	4	2-4-6	Lost 3	27-17	21-20		
New York	40	45	.471	12	2-4-4	Won 3	22-18	18-27		
Florida	39	46	.459	13	2-4-6	Lost 6	25-17	13-29		
Philadelphia	36	48	.429	15 1/2	5-5	Won 2	19-20	17-28		
Central Division										
Houston	47	40	.540	-	2-9-1	Won 7	23-18	24-22		
St. Louis	45	42	.520	2	2-9-2	Lost 2	23-16	23-24		
Cincinnati	39	41	.488	4 1/2	2-7-3	Won 2	19-20	20-21		
Chicago	39	46	.459	7	2-4-6	Lost 3	23-21	16-25		
Pittsburgh	38	47	.447	8	3-7	Lost 2	17-26	21-21		
West Division										
Los Angeles	46	41	.529	-	5-5	Won 2	24-17	22-24		
San Diego	46	41	.529	-	7-3	Won 3	23-25	23-18		
Colorado	41	43	.488	3 1/2	4-6	Lost 2	27-15	14-28		
San Francisco	38	48	.442	8 1/2	2-8	Lost 3	20-23	18-23		

# Take a Tour of the world's most romantic sport

NOGENT-SUR-OISE, France (Reuter) - Orson Welles, who paid a visit to the Tour de France in 1950, described the race as greater than any of his films.

"It's like a super production, only no movie could render its atmosphere," the actor-director said of one of the last romantic adventures in the world.

The image of riders pedaling around France for three weeks, climbing awesome mountains and braving the summer heat, is only a part of a spectacular show which could be compared to a huge circus moving from town to town.

The Tour involves 3,500 people, only 198 of whom ride bikes.

Some 1,800 are journalists and around 500 form the caravan, a noisy parade of brightly colored cars sounding their horns and advertising everything from banks to chocolate.

The caravan, which rolls ahead of the riders, is anxiously awaited by the spectators lining the roads, who risk their lives to pick up the free samples thrown out.

The lucky ones get caps and flags but most of the time they carefully carry home pieces of paper which they would have thrown straight in the dustbin if they had come through the letter-box.

Then there are the team directors, the race officials, the doctors. More than 1,500 vehicles are on the move every day, from the long trucks carrying temporary stands or television equipment to the motorbikes of the press photographers.

There are only 21 stages but more than 80 cities, from tiny villages to large towns, apply every year to have the honor of receiving the Tour.

It has started from many European cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels and Berlin and has made several incursions abroad, including two in Britain in 1974 and 1994.

"They would start it from Alaska if somebody there paid enough money to get the race," joked one journalist who has been



CENTER STAGE - The Tour de France has become so popular that organizers simply aren't allowing it to expand.

following the Tour for years.

If the Tour was a film, it would indeed be an expensive one as the race has a total budget of 148 million francs (\$28.7 million).

Most of the money comes from sponsors and television stations, who pay 86 percent of the global amount between them.

Last year's Tour was shown on television in 155 countries, which did not stop 15 million people coming to watch the race in France.

Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc said the race, which attracted only a handful of people and polite curiosity when it started in 1903, could not be allowed to grow any more.

"The Tour has enjoyed tremendous success in the last few years and it is our duty to make sure it doesn't get any bigger," he said.

"We have already limited the number of riders taking part and the number of people following the race."

The other races, including pres-

ligious ones like the Tour of Spain and the Giro d'Italia, suffer from the Tour's reputation and have to stand in the shadow of the French race.

"We know that and we might be responsible for it but we are not guilty," said Leblanc. "There is no great sport without a great event and if cycling has become so popular it's because of the Tour."

Despite its spectacular growth, the Tour is still about men on bikes, grueling climbs and mass sprints. It has its legends and its great moments, which all Tour lovers know by heart.

They might vaguely remember that somebody walked on the moon in 1969 but to them that year evokes chiefly the first of Eddy Merckx's five wins.

The Tour also has its peaks, such as the Galibier and the Izoard in the Alps or the Tourmalet and the Aubisque in the Pyrenees, not to mention the narrow, twisting road leading to the Alpe d'Huez with its 21 bends.

# All-Star '96: Low on pop, high on injuries

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Sorry to spoil the big event, baseball. Hate to be the one to break the bad news.

But the way it's shaping up, the All-Star game looks a little short on star power.

No one like Hideo Nomo to create excitement this time around. Instead, the buzz is about Ken Griffey Jr., Tony Gwynn, Randy Johnson and Kirby Puckett, all of whom will be absent from the lineup Tuesday night.

They're injured, and so are Philadelphia's two most popular players, Lenny Dykstra and Darren Daulton. In a bleak year for the Phillies, that leaves the hometown crowd with the bare minimum of one person to root for, reliever Ricky Bottalico.

No new park to explore, either. A couple of seasons ago, the site was Camden Yards, and last summer it was the Ballpark in Arlington. Jacobs Field and Coors Field are oo deck for the next two years.

This game, though, is stuck at Veterans Stadium. The Vet is still its concrete, symmetrical self, just as drab as it was in 1976 when Mark Fidrych and the All-Stars last visited during the nation's bicentennial.

There will, however, be a special speaker. Former Phillies ace Steve Carlton is serving as the spokesman for FanFest, the party run in conjunction with the game. Never mind that he's the guy who was famous for never talking to the press.

"Nice, but not likely to inspire the same kind of emotion as Mickey Mantle last summer. Though the Mick did not look well when he appeared at a hospital in Texas, the fact that he was able to speak at all brought a sense of encouragement, at the time, to baseball fans everywhere.

That said, there had been signs that there might be, at last, a labor deal in place by the All-Star break.

"If anything, it seems like they're getting pretty close to a negotiated deal between the union and ownership," NL manager Bobby Cox of the Atlanta Braves said recently. "If they get that done during the All-Star game or

the Moody before it, that would be something."

Last Wednesday, though, it was learned that the sides won't meet until after the game. Besides, true baseball fans want more from an All-Star game than just a signed piece of paper.

They want to see Johnson blow fastballs past Barry Bonds, Fred McGriff and Ryo Goto, as he did last year. They want to see someone new and unique, like Nomo, who bowed to his NL teammates and then used his unusual windup to strike out Kenny Lofton, Edgar Martinez and Albert Belle.

This year's matchup might be a reprise of Game 3 of the World Series last October - John Smoltz of the Braves against Charles Nagy of the Indians.

Then again, AL manager Mike Hargrove may pick Andy Pettitte or Roger Pavlik or the other starter on the roster, Chuck

Finley. Fine pitchers, all of them, but minus the star status of past years.

While the NL staff includes four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux, who was injured and missed last year's game, there's some power missing.

Sammy Sosa, who led the league with 26 home runs when the team was chosen, was bypassed by Cox. Henry Rodriguez and his 25 homers made it only because Gwynn couldn't play.

"I guess I need to hit 40 home runs and get 100 RBIs by the break next year," Sosa said.

"To be the National League leader in home runs I guess means nothing. This is something I don't understand. I deserve to be there. I play hard every day, and have the numbers to go. I'm supposed to be on that team, and everybody knows that."

There's carrying every year,

which is why Cox says the job of choosing the reserves is a thankless one. Along with NL president Len Coleman, Cox picked four of his own pitchers - a record for an All-Star game, and all of them deserving - yet was forced to pass over Braves outfielder Ryan Klesko.

Hargrove and AL president Gene Budig did an extremely fair job of spreading the honors. The Indians placed five players on the team, although shortstop Omar Vizquel was left off in favor of Seattle's Alex Rodriguez, and Cleveland outfielder Manny Ramirez was bumped, too.

The NL, which won 3-2 last year despite getting just three hits - home runs by Jeff Conine, Mike Piazza and Craig Biggio - leads the All-Star rivalry 39-26-1.

The NL will be trying for its first three-game winning streak since it won 11 in a row from 1972-82.

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
STARTERS	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI				
First Base	.345	310	62	107	23	82				
Tommaso, Chi										
Second Base	.285	310	66	113	11	63				
R.Alomar, Bal										
Shortstop	.294	308	45	91	15	82				
C.Pedrian, Bal										
Third Base	.339	271	46	92	2	28				
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Israeli clubs get tough draws in European cup matches

IT'S the height of summer, but Israeli soccer yesterday waited with bated breath for some of the most important news of the season...

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impossible. If they are to have any chance of making it, Maccabi will have to notch up a big win in its home leg and hope it can survive in Istanbul.

The action begins in less than two weeks' time with two UEFA preliminary round matches. Israel is represented in the competition by Maccabi Haifa and Bnei Yehuda.

Much more powerful sides (like Manchester United) have failed in Turkey, so there is no reason to believe the Maccabi Tel Aviv will fare any better.

The first leg ties are set for July 17 with the return fixtures a week later (July 24).

This is Rishon's most illustrious fixture, the first time it will play in a major international competition. It will probably be a rude awakening into the hardships of playing against a side with fanatical support and in conditions which are still not up to acceptable western European standards.

Maccabi Tel Aviv has its work cut out for it if it is to make it to the lucrative European Champions' League. The Tel Avivians take on Fenerbahce of Turkey in the two-legged preliminary round of the competition with the first match on August 7 at the refurbished National Stadium at Ramat Gan with the return leg in Istanbul two weeks later (August 21).

Rishon, it must be remembered, is representing Israel in the Cup Winners Cup despite losing in the State Cup final, because double winners Maccabi Tel Aviv is playing in the Champions' League competition.

Fenerbahce was one of the seeded teams in the draw and one of the most difficult Maccabi could have hoped for. Not only is Turkish soccer in the ascendancy, the fanatical home supporters who are expected to number between 30-40,000 will make life miserable for the Israelis. Add to that the security factor which may even have become more difficult since the appointment of the new Islamist-led government and the Israelis' task of overcoming the Turks looks to be well-igh

Collected draws for the preliminary round of the UEFA Cup and qualifying rounds of the European Cup and Cup Winners Cup made yesterday.

nia v Crusaders (Northern Ireland); Newtown (Wales) v Skonto (Latvia); Tiligul Tiraspol (Moldova) v Dinamo-93 Minsk (Belarus); Khuzi Buzovna (Azerbaijan) v Humik Krakow (Poland); Partadown (Northern Ireland) v Volodina (Yugoslavia); Gazi Irtibatlag (Faroe Islands) v Jazz (Finland); Avranes (Cyprus) v Bileis (Macedonia); Bohemians (Ireland) v Dinamo Minsk (Belarus); Haka Ry (Finland) v Flora Tallinn (Estonia); Bary Town (Wales) v Dneprug (Latvia); Dynamo Tbilisi (Georgia) v Grevenmacher (Luxembourg); Maccabi Haifa (Israel) v Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia); FC Gorica (Slovenia) v Vitoria (Macedonia); Croatia Zagreb (Croatia) v Tirana (Albania); Bnei Yehuda (Israel) v Florians (Malta); Pyunik Yerevan (Armenia) v HJK Helsinki (Finland); Sandoyar (Faroe Islands) v Apollon Limassol (Cyprus); Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) v Neftchi Baku (Azerbaijan); Zimru Chinnai (Moldova) v Hejduk Split (Croatia); Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) v St. Patrick's Athletic (Ireland); Koska (Slovakia) v Touza (Albania); Anorthosis (Cyprus) v Shirak Gyumri (Armenia); Margyev Zastaphani (Georgia) v Slavia Wladimir (Malta); Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria) v Inkaras Gaitis (Lithuania).

First leg matches July 17, second leg July 24. Cup Winners' Cup qualifying round: Chemion Humenna (Slovakia) v Flamurtari (Albania); Sion (Switzerland) v Karada Sialati (Lithuania); Olimpia (Slovenia) v Lovski Sofia (Bulgaria); Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v Hearts (Scotland); Karabakh Agdam (Azerbaijan) v MyPa-47 (Finland); Kotnik Abovjan (Armenia) v AEK Larissa (Greece); FC Constructorul (Moldova) v Hapoel Ironi Rishon (Israel); Valletta (Malta) v Girona Bistria (Romania); MPOC Mogy (Belarus) v Reykjavik (Iceland); Giron (Norway) v Strilbourne (Ireland); Llanestifid (Wales) v Ruch Chorzow (Poland); Kaposzt Honved (Hungary) v Slova Jugomagnat (Macedonia); Vartiosa Vartiosa (Croatia) v US Luxembourg (Luxembourg); FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk (Ukraine) v FC Vaduz (Liechtenstein); Gintaron (Northern Ireland) v Sparta Prague (Czech Republic); Dynamo Batumi (Georgia) v Haver Boffelag (Faroe Islands); Sion Tallinn (Estonia) v Niva Verdica (Lithuania).

First leg matches August 8, second leg August 22. European Cup qualifying round: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel) v Fenerbahce (Turkey); Panathinaikos (Greece) v Rosenborg (Norway); IFK Goteborg (Sweden) v Ferencvaros (Hungary); Widzew Lodz (Poland) v Brandyb (Denmark); Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) v Slavia Prague (Czech Republic); Club Brugge (Belgium) v Slavia Bucharest (Romania); Rapid Vienna (Austria) v Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine).

Graf wins 7th Wimbledon title

Washington to face Krajicek in today's men's final

WIMBLEDON (AP) - The numbers keep piling up for Steffi Graf, ensuring her place in history as one of the all-time greats.

Graf beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-2, 7-5 yesterday for her seventh Wimbledon championship, 20th Grand Slam title and 100th career singles crown.

Graf moved to within two victories of Martina Navratilova's record of nine Wimbledon singles titles. She also took sole possession of second place on the list of Grand Slam singles winners, four behind Margaret Court Smith.

"It feels pretty awesome right now," Graf said. "It didn't hit me until I got to the locker room. It's something I never imagined I could do or was capable of doing. It's just incredible to me how the last few years have been going, how I've always been able to rise to the occasion."

Graf said this was the most unexpected of her Wimbledon victories. She suffered a knee injury a week before the tournament, lacked grass-court practice and worried that she might not be able to play at all.

On Friday, Graf fought her way out of a tight corner to beat tenacious Japanese Kimiko Date 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

This was the seventh Grand Slam final between Graf and Sanchez Vicario. The last four were tight, three-setters, including last year's Wimbledon classic and last month's French Open championship match.

But this final lacked the emotion and excitement of those previous encounters. Despite a cold and sinus problems, the top-seeded Graf overpowered the fourth-seeded Spaniard in the first set and held off a second-set charge to win in 1 hour, 28 minutes on Centre Court.

"She played great today," Sanchez Vicario said. "Her forehand was never so good as today, so close to the lines, and she served very well... It looked like it was going to be over. I did have a little chance and I took it, but it was too late."

Graf dominated with her big serve and forehand, while Sanchez Vicario didn't raise her game until she was trailing 4-0 in the second set.

Although the Spaniard rallied to make it 5-5, Graf won the next two games to close out the match. After Sanchez Vicario hit a forehand return into the net on match point, the two players exchanged kisses at the net.

After accepting the runnerup trophy, Sanchez Vicario held it out as if to give it to Graf. The German laughed and refused to take it. Then, Graf received the champion's plate from the Duchess of Kent and hugged it to her chest.

The match started 58 minutes late due to yet another rain delay in this wettest Wimbledon in five years.

When play started in bright sunshine, Graf took charge



LUCKY SEVEN - Steffi Graf holds up her trophy after defeating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to win the women's final at Wimbledon for the seventh time.

quickly. She broke in the fourth game and took the first set in 34 minutes. Despite a double fault, Graf served out the set in the ninth game, finishing with an ace.

During the changeover at 4-1, Graf called for the trainer and received pills for her allergy condition. She coughed frequently during the match and spent much of the time during the changeovers blowing her nose.

Graf raced out to a 4-0 lead in the second set and looked on course to finish the match within an hour.

But Sanchez Vicario held for 4-1 and broke in the next game, which included an embarrassing miss by Graf. She whiffed completely on a simple overhead. She still had time to turn around and flip the ball back over with a forehand but Sanchez Vicario hit an easy winner into the open court.

Graf served for the match at 5-4 but failed to convert. She double faulted twice and was broken on the third break point when she made a forehand error.

But Graf broke back for 6-5 and served out the match at 15 in the next game.

Men's semifinal: Mali'vi Washington overcame a 1-5 deficit in the fifth set, a controversial line call and yet another rain delay to beat fellow American Todd Martin and reach the Wimbledon final.

The unseeded Washington served out the rain-suspended match in the 18th game of the fifth set to win 5-7,

6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3, 10-8. Washington, 27, became the first black player to reach the Wimbledon men's final since Arthur Ashe won the title in 1975.

Washington, who made it to a Grand Slam final for the first time in his career, will face Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands in today's final.

Krajicek overwhelmed Australia's Jesse Southeby 7-5, 6-2, 6-1 to advance to his first Grand Slam championship match.

Washington's victory over Martin, the 13th seed, ensures that Wimbledon will have its first unseeded champion since Boris Becker in 1985.

Krajicek, who knocked out former champions Michael Stich and Pete Sampras in earlier rounds, has a huge serve and is ranked No. 13, seven spots ahead of Washington.

The Washington-Martin match, which was suspended by rain for the fourth time at two sets apiece Friday, ended 25 hours after it began following 3:49 of actual playing time.

After Washington hit a high backhand volley for a cross-court winner on his first match point, he dropped to both knees, clenched both fists and looked towards his friends and family in the players' box.

"You work hard for moments like this," Washington said. "You just want to seize the opportunity when it's in your reach. I could see it. When I was down 5-1, it looked like it was running the other way. I'm just glad I was able to catch up with it."

While there was little suspense during Friday's four sets, yesterday's fifth set was full of drama.

Martin raced out to a 5-1 lead but couldn't convert. Twice he served for the match and both times Washington broke him and eventually evened the set at 6-6.

With no tiebreaker in the fifth set, controversy arose with Martin serving

in the 13th game. Martin saved two break points before serving what appeared to be his 11th double fault that would give Washington a third chance to break.

The electronic-called "cyclops" - didn't beep on the second serve, which seemed on television replays to land slightly loopy. The line judge signaled the ball out.

Washington believed he won the point and Martin thought he had. Martin marched over to French chair umpire Renee Reubens and said, "The cyclops. C'mon."

The line judge got out of his seat and went over to Reubens, explaining that he overruled the cyclops. Washington came over; and the discussion centered on whether the ball landed beyond the range of the cyclops.

Reubens ruled in favor of Martin that since the cyclops didn't beep it was a double fault. Reubens is one of the most experienced umpires, but also among the most controversial. He was embroiled in a flap last year that led to Jeff Tarango's default.

Just at that moment, the first rain since the match had resumed began to fall lightly.

After a 35-minute interruption, a more composed Washington came out and held serve at love, capping the game with an overhead smash, to level the set at 7-7.

After both players held easily in the next two games, Washington got the decisive break in the 17th game. Martin saved three break points before serving his 11th double fault to give Washington a fourth chance. This time, Martin netted a forehand volley to give Washington a 9-8 lead.

Serving for the match, Washington fell behind 0-30 before winning four straight points to close out the contest.

Atherton, Hussain steer England to safety

NOTTINGHAM (Reuters) - Unbeaten centuries by Mike Atherton and Nasser Hussain yesterday steered England to safety on the third day of the third Test against India at Trent Bridge and without sight of a 1st series victory.

Atherton, with 145, and Hussain, 107, combined in a 192-run second wicket stand as England moved to 322 for one, passing the follow-on mark of 321 just before stumps.

The England skipper, averaging just 28 runs in the nine innings since his epic 185 not out against South Africa in Johannesburg last December, reached his 10th Test century from 223 balls with his 14th boundary.

Hussain's second hundred of the three-Test series came from only 165 balls, including 12 fours. A draw would wrap up the series for England which won the opening Test at Edgbaston by eight wickets.

a handful of scares early in the innings, grew in confidence as the day went on.

Starting on 21, he survived two lbw appeals and was fumbled at third slip by Mohammad Azharuddin off a vicious rising ball from Jayagal Srinath on his way to 50.

But after lunch the England skipper took control on a benign Trent Bridge wicket and was given a big ovation when he turned Anil Kumble to the boundary for his fourth Test hundred at Nottingham, the ground where he began his England career with a duck back in 1989.

Hussain raced to his century in 207 minutes, needing one hour less than his captain to reach the milestone.

His first 25 runs took only 16 balls and, although he slowed as he completed an 82-ball half-century, England was in complete control of its destiny at 238 for one at tea.

While Atherton was struggling to find his touch early in the day, Alec Stewart (50) was confidently

piling on the runs.

But the Surrey opener, who won back his Test place when Warwickshire's Nick Knight was ruled out with a cracked knuckle, edged a ball from Srinath to Nayam Mongia behind the stumps in the first over after lunch.

India suffered in the field. Azharuddin, in what is likely to be his 37th and last Test as captain, failed to come back out after lunch after taking a nasty blow on his left foot when struck at silly point.

A precautionary x-ray did not show any broken bones, however.

India first innings 521 (S.Tendulkar 177, S.Ganguly 138, R.Dra- vid 84, S.Mangraykar 53)

England first innings (overnight 38-0) M.Atherton not out 145, A.Stewart c Mongia b Srinath 50, N.Hussain not out 107, Extras (lb 9 nb 8) 107 Total (for one wicket) 322 Fall of wickets: 1-130 To bat: G.Thorpe, G.Hick, C.Lewis, J.Russell, M.Ealham, D.Cork, M.Patel, A.Mitchell. Bowling (to date): Srinath 27-7-82-1, Prasad 24-8-78-0, 18-3-82-0, Raju 22-4-45-0, Ganguly 6-0-24-0, Tendulkar 5-0-19-0.

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# Haredim riot on Bar-Ilan Street

BILL HUTMAN

THIRTEEN haredim were arrested for stone-throwing during clashes with police on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday, even though Meretz postponed its planned demonstration on the street at President Ezer Weizman's request.

Weizman on Friday telephoned Meretz Party leader Yossi Sarid and asked that he be given a chance to work out a solution to the dispute over whether the road should be closed Shabbat and holidays.

"We felt that we had no choice but to postpone our demonstration, after the president made a personal appeal," said Jerusalem city councilor and local Meretz Party leader Oman Yekudeli.

The Meretz plan for activists to march up Bar-Ilan yesterday to demand the road remain open was made possible by a ruling Thursday by the High Court of Justice, which rejected police opposition to the demonstration. Police believed the march would provoke violence.

Sarid immediately agreed to the appeal by Weizman, who said he was concerned someone would be hurt if the demonstration took place. The

postponement was made public by noon Friday.

Nevertheless, 3,000 haredim protesters converged on the street yesterday afternoon, throwing stones, bottles and other items, including vegetables and dirty diapers, at police, who tried to prevent them from blocking the street.

Police used water cannons to disperse the protesters, who screamed "Nazis" at the policemen and "Shabbos" at passing cars. The unrest, the worst demonstration at the site for some time, continued until two hours after Shabbat.

Two policemen were injured, one who was hit in the eye when he was hit by debris, and the other in the arm, a police spokesman said.

One haredim activist said the haredim came out because they did not believe Meretz would keep its promise to the president.

The haredim also did not feel obligated by the call by the president and

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau for both Meretz and the haredim to postpone their actions and try to work out their differences in a peaceful manner. Weizman is slated to meet shortly with Meretz and haredim leaders. The director-general of the President's Residence, Arye Shumer, has been put in charge of coming up with a solution.

Yekutieli charged it was the haredim, and not his party supporters, who were the source of the tension on Rehov Bar-Ilan.

"For the past 15 years, 100 percent of the violence incidents at Bar-Ilan have been by the haredim," he said.

The city's haredim leaders, including Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller, said Meretz canceled its protest because it couldn't get enough people to participate, and not because of the president's appeal.

The haredim leaders vowed that their demands for the road's closure would continue. These demands have intensified since the election of what they believe is a government that has no choice but to close Bar-Ilan.

# Histadrut to launch battle against economic decrees

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut is launching a campaign against the government's planned economic measures, especially the intention to slash NIS 1 billion from the welfare budget which it says will hurt the lower income classes and pensioners.

The first protest will be held outside the Knesset tomorrow morning, before Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu leaves for Washington. The demonstrators will protest against cuts in pensions and other senior citizens' benefits and against the cancellation of tax exemptions in development towns.

The Histadrut executive is expected today to approve a series of protests against the government's economic plan. Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz has called a meeting of the country's large unions, labor council secretaries and Na'amat secretaries on Wednesday to coordinate action.

Peretz has also spoken to Likud MK Shaul Amor, head of the Knesset's social lobby, and agreed with him on a number of steps to be taken against the economic decrees in the Knesset and out of it.

The Histadrut reacted with astonishment and anger to the welfare cuts, which it claims violates the prime minister's commitment not to harm the lower income class and senior citizens.

"The draconian measures mark the end of the welfare state and the return of the ugly state of dependency, with the food coupons, the vouchers and inspectors," Peretz said at an emergency meeting over the weekend with the Histadrut and union leaders' war council.

"The government pretends to take from those who are better off,

but what they're doing is putting young couples and new immigrants in the 'rich' category, who deserve to be taxed and deprived, and why? Only because both husband and wife work for a living," he said.

Labor Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli attacked the planned budget cuts as "unnecessary oppression and exploitation of large sectors of the public."

Knesset Finance Committee member Haim Oron (Meretz), who is also Histadrut treasurer, said the government's planned measures are regressive and severe. "Such suggestions always come up before approving the state budget and until now they have always failed. I hope these are just labor pangs of a new group of ministers and that they will fail, otherwise it bodes ill for social and economic issues," he said.

The government's main measures consist of cutting in half child allowances for the first and second child in families whose gross income is more than NIS 4,500 and canceling them altogether for families earning more than NIS 7,000; canceling the recently introduced senior citizens law, which granted dozens of reductions and exemptions to senior citizens in municipal tax rates, public transport, and government bonds.

Histadrut and Labor sources marveled at what they called the "indifference, obtuseness and cynicism" of the new labor minister, who readily accepted the economic decrees, when his duty is to protect the weaker classes. They noted that in the past, the labor minister used to fight fiercely to prevent welfare cutbacks and usually succeeded.



One of Mordechai Gur's daughters reads a poem in memory of her father at a ceremony Friday on the first anniversary of his death, at the military section of Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. (Aron Ron/Israel Sun)

# Shohat: Hastily approved budget would be 'cut to pieces'

THE cabinet must spend at least three more weeks discussing the 1997 budget, to give the ministers more time to review and to understand it before they approve it, former finance minister Avraham Shohat said Friday.

Speaking to the Commerce and Industry Club in Tel Aviv, Shohat said that if the budget is approved this week without more in-depth discussion, it would be "cut to pieces in the Knesset." Two-thirds of the ministers are first-timers who "have no idea what they are signing."

Shohat also expressed the fear that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Bank of

Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel are likely to team up on crucial issues against Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and this could do serious damage to the economy.

Meridor, Shohat noted, took on the post under especially difficult conditions, since it was clear that Netanyahu did not really want to give him the portfolio.

Describing the stitching together of the new national infrastructure ministry for Ariel Sharon as "a dirty business," Shohat said that taking pieces of various ministries for this purpose would disrupt the work of the government.

For example, it would be "crazy" to move

the Public Works Department to this new ministry, since it should really be part of the Transport Ministry, and moving the Rural Construction Administration to the ministry was a political decision that would give Sharon an additional means to funnel money to the territories.

He also said that Netanyahu's claim that the Labor government had implemented a "pre-election economy" during the past two years was a political statement, since many of the budget items his government is now eliminating, like the benefits to senior citizens, had been supported by Netanyahu.

(Itim)

# Court recommends indicted colonel be sent on leave

JUSTICE Dalia Dornier has recommended that the colonel who heads the IDF officers' school be suspended from his post until legal proceedings against him are concluded.

Col. Moni Horev and four other officers have been indicted in the February 1994 death of a soldier during a training accident that was not to include the use of live ammunition. Yanai Sasson's vest contained a grenade, which exploded during the exercise and killed him.

As a result of the accident, the Military Police launched an investigation. The Judge Advocate-General decided to indict Horev and four other officers in the case. The trial is expected to begin soon.

Sasson's parents petitioned the High Court of Justice last week, demanding that Horev be removed

from his post, on the grounds that he is not fit to serve in such a capacity.

"It is not imaginable that an officer who is suspected of such a grave offense will lead and teach new officers to be future commanders," they said in the petition.

In the hearing on the petition on Friday, Dornier recommended that Horev be sent on leave until his trial is completed. She said it would be "more honorable" for Horev to be sent on leave until the end of his trial, adding that she believed the IDF could speed up proceedings against him.

Sasson's parents agreed to Dornier's suggestion and the state attorney said he would ask for Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's approval.

The discussion on the petition will continue on Thursday. (Itim)

# Suspect held in pub slaying

DORON Cohen of Ashkelon was remanded on Friday for 10 days by the Ashkelon Magistrate's Court on suspicion of stabbing to death Golan Sinai, 25, early that morning in a pub brawl.

Sinai had arrived at the Signon pub at about 1 a.m. and shortly afterward a quarrel broke out between him and two youths. One of the youths drew a knife and stabbed Sinai a number of times in the chest and throat.

Bystanders took Sinai in their car to the city's Barzilai Hospital, where he died of his wounds shortly afterward.

Police, acting on information supplied by an infor-

mant, arrested Cohen as the main suspect in the murder. He has reportedly admitted to participating in the brawl, but has not confessed to the murder.

"I didn't kill him," Cohen told the court at his remand hearing. "The police know who the murderer is and will arrest him. They questioned me and I said what I did out of fatigue."

In ordering Cohen remanded for 10 days, Judge Amiram Dennenberg stressed there is reasonable suspicion of his involvement in the murder.

Ashkelon police attributed the cause of the brawl to a dispute among drug dealers. (Itim)

# PM's wife defends herself against nannies

SARA Netanyahu staunchly defended herself against a sacked nanny's charges in an interview broadcast Friday, saying disgrun-

ted domestics could not hold her family "hostage."

News agencies

South African-born nanny Tanya Shaw, 21, claimed last week that Sara Netanyahu was obsessed with cleanliness, had called her "a murderer," and tossed her out after she burned soup to end six months of employment.

On Friday, the story of another disgruntled nanny, Heidi Ben-Yair, was published by Ma'ariv. Ben-Yair, 22, who immigrated from Manchester, England, three years ago, worked for a week for the Netanyahus in November 1994 before quitting.

Ben-Yair said Sara Netanyahu limited what she could eat and made her work from 5:30 a.m. until after midnight with no break. In the entire week, Netanyahu let her leave the house only once, she said.

"Sara had strange rules I had never heard of. One had to wash hands before entering every room," said Ben-Yair.

"Once she shouted at me for 20 minutes for eating a tomato. She said tomatoes were expensive and I should eat only one a day, and one egg every two days. I ended up sharing the children's pudding. I was so hungry."

Sara Netanyahu, confident and relaxed in the Channel 2 interview taped on Thursday, did not mention Ben-Yair but completely

rejected Shaw's story. "We cannot be held hostages" by people who had to be dismissed out of fear of their going to the media with false stories, she said.

In a Friday interview with Yedioth Aharanot, Netanyahu denied allegations that she is obsessive and hysterical.

"I am fussy about cleanliness, but all the rest is nonsense," Netanyahu said. "People who aren't clean or hygienic always say these things about clean people."

Ben-Yair also said Netanyahu insisted that the clotheslines and clothespins be washed before the laundry was hung out to dry. "I wasn't allowed to let the washing touch the side of the machine as I took it out, and if a blanket so much as slipped off the bed and touched the floor, it had to be laundered," she said.

After Shaw's firing, the Prime Minister's Office said security officials had recommended her dismissal, an allegation Netanyahu repeated in the interview published Friday. Security sources quoted by the newspaper and radio stations, however, denied that they were involved in her firing.

Responding to Ben-Yair's allegations, Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak said only: "Miss Ben-Yair came for a few days' trial, after which it was decided not to employ her."

**WEATHER**

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Regular temperatures for the season.

**AROUND THE WORLD**

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Amsterdam	11	15	cloudy
Berlin	11	15	cloudy
Buenos Aires	11	15	cloudy
Calcutta	24	30	clear
Chicago	14	18	clear
Copenhagen	12	16	clear
Frankfurt	13	17	rain
Geneva	12	16	rain
Hamburg	12	16	rain
Helsinki	11	15	rain
Hong Kong	27	31	clear
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Los Angeles	17	21	cloudy
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Rome	11	15	cloudy
Stockholm	11	15	cloudy
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Warsaw	11	15	cloudy
Zurich	11	15	cloudy

# Levy cancels Samet's appointment as consul-general in Philadelphia

FOREIGN Minister David Levy has revoked the appointment of journalist Gideon Samet as consul-general in Philadelphia.

Samet was appointed to the post in the final days of the Peres government, after being recommended by Shulamit Aloni. Levy informed Samet of his decision on Friday.

Sources close to Levy denied the appointment was cancelled because of critical articles that Samet wrote about Levy. They insisted it is the right of the foreign minister to cancel appointments that have not gone into effect. Samet was scheduled to take up his post at the end of next month.

In recent weeks, Samet had tried repeatedly to clarify his fate. After being informed Friday that his appointment had been withdrawn, he asked to meet with Levy to discuss the issue and Levy agreed. A meeting is scheduled for next week.

Levy is scheduled to fill many key posts in the foreign service. These include the ambassadors in Washington (which requires Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's approval), Moscow, the UN, Brazil, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, South Africa, Egypt, and probably Jordan. According to the coalition agreement, the government must give two ambassadorships to Yisrael Ba'aliya and two to Shas. According to reports, Likud member Yuli Koshorovsky is slated to become ambassador to Moscow. (Itim)

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**Zubin Mehta, conductor**  
Alfred Brendel, piano

Program:  
Hindemith: Concert Music, op. 50  
Beethoven: Piano concerto no. 3  
Tchaikovsky: Symphony no. 5

**Concert 10 Series A**  
Sun. 9.7. 8:30 p.m., Haifa, Concert 10 Series A  
Sun. 13.7. 8:30 p.m., Jerusalem, Concert 9  
Mon. 13.7. 8:30 p.m., Haifa, Concert 10 Series B  
Fri. 12.7. 8:30 p.m., T.A., Concert 6 Series A

**Zubin Mehta, conductor**  
Andras Schiff, piano  
Soile Isokoski, soprano

Program:  
Beethoven: Overture Leocoore no. 3  
Bartok: Piano concerto no. 2  
R. Strauss: Four Last Songs  
R. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel

**Concert 10 Series C**  
Sun. 14.7. 8:30 p.m., Haifa, Concert 10 Series C  
Sun. 11.7. 8:30 p.m., Jerusalem, Concert 9  
Mon. 13.7. 8:30 p.m., Haifa, Concert 10 Series B  
Fri. 12.7. 8:30 p.m., T.A., Concert 6 Series C

**Zubin Mehta, conductor**  
Andras Schiff, piano

Program:  
Edith Lienbacher, soprano  
Silvana Dossmann, soprano  
Susanna Poretsky, mezzo-soprano  
Ferdinand Selter, tenor  
Thomas Quasthoff, bass-baritone  
Prague Philharmonic Choir  
Directed by Pavel Kuhn

**Concert 10 Series E**  
Sat. 13.7. 9:00 p.m., T.A., Concert 10 Series E  
Sun. 14.7. 8:30 p.m., T.A., Concert 11 Series A  
Sun. 14.7. 8:30 p.m., T.A., Concert 11 Series C

Lehar: "The Merry Widow" (Operetta in concert form)

**Series B subscribers please note change of date!**  
Fri. 26.7. 2:00 p.m., T.A., Concert 11  
Sat. 27.7. 9:00 p.m., T.A., Concert 6 Series E

Lehar: "The Merry Widow" (Operetta in concert form)

**Series B subscribers please note change of date!**  
Fri. 26.7. 2:00 p.m., T.A., Concert 11  
Sat. 27.7. 9:00 p.m., T.A., Concert 6 Series E

Beethoven: Octet for Winds  
Bach: Piano concerto in d minor  
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